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CONVERGING CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

## D-Chi's, Alpha's suffer sabotage

By Stephanie Stangl  
Managing Editor

The sight of torn out pumps strewn across the floor and whole float parts detached reminded it s creators victory has a price.

Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Chi have always been successful in Homecoming events. Extremely long nights and an eye for detail gives them the edge most years.

Delta Chi float co-chair Dan Whitacre thinks their previous success may have motivated someone to partially destroy their float Saturday.

Victory may now come with an \$8,000 price tag plus the cost to repair damages. A first place win wouldn't even offset extra costs incurred—the winner receives a mere \$1,700.

With more than 100 members combined within the organizations at 10-12 required float hours per week, not just money was lost.

Being Greek in college, Bryan VanOsdale, director of student activities, remembers the long hours

and early mornings invested in float construction and believes the culprits should feel much shame.

"Students are putting in a lot of hard work, time and money to bring joy and happiness to the Maryville community," VanOsdale said. "It's sad a person or persons thought it would be fun to destroy that."

Even though Alpha Sigma Alpha President Abby Stephens concedes the float shed remained continuously unlocked and the groups accept partial blame for the incident, VanOsdale believes it's a shame Greek organizations have to chaperone their projects.

"It's sad that in addition to building floats they have to become security guards for them as well," VanOsdale said.

Although incidences like this could do much to tear a group apart, Whitacre said the adversity strengthened the camaraderie within the organizations.

"This incident actually pumped people up," he said. "We are fixing everything with the extra motivation to win and man power."

## Ranting, raving top Cho's performance

By Ben Koehn  
Chief Reporter

Comedian Margaret Cho shocked and entertained the audience at the Mary Lynn Performing Arts Center last night.

Her jokes covered topics ranging from disasters, the presidency, the Christian right and her own ethnicity.

"I like the fact that Margaret Cho is teaching people the truth about politics and America," audience member Kendall Jones said.

Cho spent much of the night ranting and raving against the Bush presidency, which she said was anti-gay, anti-women and anti-free speech.

"I don't have faith in the Bush family. I don't trust any of them," she said. "And the worst part is, none of them are sexy."

Cho, who was very open about her feminist views during the show said, "People aren't taking into account just how pro-life Bush is. That's very scary and it should be scary to women."

Cho used her own special brand of humor to bring attention to intolerance and prejudice in America today. She even took the chance to highlight what she felt were hypocrisies—such as those who are anti-gay marriage, but laugh at the television show "Will and Grace."

"That's like when white people stole rock and roll from black people in the 50's," she said.



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

**MARGARET CHO** visited Northwest Wednesday night. Cho performed for a crowd in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"It's a very disappointing thing that there is so much homophobia in this country," Cho said, who over the years has been honored by several gay and lesbian rights organizations.

During the show, Cho made several comments on what she felt was a serious hypocrisy in the Christian right—trying to spread the message of Jesus Christ while maintaining a lack of tolerance for minorities.

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## Pride of Parnell



PHOTO BY TREVOR MORAN / CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

**PLATES LINE** a table at K&T's Bar in Parnell, Mo., on Saturday. The bar, one of only four remaining businesses in town is filled regularly to capacity.

## Food, friendship key to local bar's success

By Cole Young  
Editor in Chief

Four neon lights glow at the west end of a vacant Main Street in Parnell, Mo.

The lights shining in the large windows of K&T Bar give the two-story building all the traits of a typical small town saloon. The door whines as it opens and the wood floor shows the wear and tear of a building just over 100 years old.

Take more than two or three steps into K&T though and one can see it's more than a bar.

"We call ourselves a bar and grill," owner Kenny Hughes said. "But we are really pretty much a restaurant. I think the folks at Hy-Vee said we buy the most pop they've ever seen a bar buy."

Beyond the long wooden bar sits rows of tables, which will fill up as this Saturday night progresses.

College students know K&T's as the home of the "Pounder", while area residents know K&T's as a place to get a good meal and Parnell

residents know the bar as one of only four businesses still left in town.

There's a gas station, post office, repair shop and K&T's, which doesn't leave a lot of dining options for the 197 residents of this community 18 miles northeast of Maryville.

Men like Ralph Smith, a retired farmer who the employees call "Cy," go to the restaurant every day.

Smith sat alone at the bar, sipping on a Milwaukee's Best, while one of the waitresses cleaned his glasses.

"I think he has been in here every day since we opened," Hughes said. "We try to take care of him a little bit."

Finding a seat in a place that holds 120 people shouldn't seem like a hard task, especially in such a small town.

That, isn't always the case, according to Hughes, who said there are times people wait at the door for a table to be cleared off.

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## Pound burger too much to handle for writer

By Ben Koehn  
Chief Reporter

I remember the first time I attempted to down the "Pounder." I was a scrawny, know-it-all freshman who thought he could impress eight upperclassmen guys by eating a hamburger containing a solid one-pound of meat.

That's one pound after it's cooked.

I remember the waitress dropping a hot platter loaded with fries and the biggest hamburger I'd ever seen in my life. I remember looking at the guys around me. Each much bigger than me, slyly looking at me with big grins on their faces.

I remember taking that first bite of the burger. It was good, it tasted like a hamburger should taste, not like a Happy Meal burger. It was warm and juicy and best of all, cheap: less than \$6 for the meal.

Your first time eating the Pounder is the equivalent to the first time you hit a home run or the first time you kiss a girl.

And much like the first time I kissed a girl, my first time with the Pounder went very, very wrong.

I remember finishing the burger. "Yes," I thought. "I did it! I am a man!"

And then the guy sitting next to me said, "You aren't done. You've still got to eat the fries."

If I were to print the thought that immediately popped into my head when I next looked down at the massive pile of fries in front of me, the Missourian would be sued. To avoid a lawsuit, I'll paraphrase: "Oh, darn."

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### A QUICK GUIDE TO FINDING PARNELL

Located on the far east side of Nodaway County, K&T's bar attracts many college students.

**First.** Head east on 1st street, across 71 highway until reaching Ravenwood Mo.

**Then.** Head north on the winding 46 highway. Pass numerous wheat fields and nine miles later Parnell Mo. appears.

**Finally.** As 46 highway curves east in town, veer left and find Main Street. From there, head east, it's impossible to miss.



PHOTO BY DENNIS SHARKEY / CHIEF REPORTER

**FRANK VEEMAN**, special assistant to President Hubbard, helps Northwest Research Technician Carey Stroborg pour harvested rice kernels into a machine that blows out empty or underdeveloped rice pods from mature ones.

## First rice harvest performed by Ventria officials

By Dennis Sharkey  
Chief Reporter

Concerns over whether rice could be grown in northwest Missouri have subsided for now.

The first year of test growing came to an end this week with the harvest of rice being tested in three different spots in northern Missouri.

Originally, Ventria Biosciences who makes pharmaceuticals from genetically modified plants, planned on growing rice in southern Missouri, currently the sixth largest producer of rice in the United States. Concerns were raised over cross-pollination of genetically modified rice with rice grown for consumption.

Anheuser-Busch, America's largest beer producer, stepped in and

said it could not buy rice grown in Missouri if there were a chance of cross-pollination. A compromise was made to grow the genetically modified rice in northern Missouri.

Ventria scientist Somen Nandi said that official data from the test won't be available for at least two weeks but early indications look very positive.

Nandi said that test will continue for another two years. He said that it is standard procedure with any crop to test grow for three years. If the results are consistent for three years, he said it is a pretty safe bet that it will work.

He also said some varieties of the rice were not successful and would be replaced next year with different varieties.

Samples are taken from areas 25

square feet large. Once the stalks are cut they are put through a thrasher and a cleaner to separate the good rice kernels from the empty or underdeveloped pods. The rice is then weighed and calculated out to see what the yield would be per acre.

Frank Veeman, special assistant to University President Dean Hubbard, has worked closely with the project. He said the most interesting part of the harvest process is the clean up. When the harvest crew changes varieties they must completely clean out the processing machines to avoid contamination. The rice, after it's harvested, will have other studies performed on it. It will be compared to future crops.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Buried Child debuts

Northwest's "Second Stage" season is opening with Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize winning, "Buried Child."

The play is a student production directed by senior Jason Craine.

The story follows a deconstructing Midwestern family coping with and exploring a dark secret.

"Buried Child," premieres tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Charles Johnson Theater. Cost of admission is \$3. An encore showing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

## Smith to perform

Wednesday's Live is bringing Nashville songwriter Shevy Smith to campus.

Smith has opened for artists Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban and Tim McGraw.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 19 at the Memorial Bell Tower.

## Senior art preview

A preview senior art exhibit, "They Came from the Pit," will open Friday.

Five senior art students collaborated on putting the show together. Artwork from all media will be on display. Featured artwork will consist of paintings, photography, drawing and graphic design.

The exhibit will open with a reception at 6 p.m. at the Artisan Fine Art Gallery. The exhibit will remain open to the public until Sunday.

## Jumping for heart

The students at Horace Mann are gearing up for Jump Rope for Heart. The program is an annual fundraising drive for the American Heart Association.

The students collect donations from parents and friends and typically raise several thousand dollars. Horace Mann students will kick off the activity at 9 a.m. Friday at Bearcat Arena.

The third through sixth graders are scheduled to jump rope from 9-10 a.m.

## McCaskill funds rely on donors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Missouri State Auditor Claire McCaskill doesn't plan to spend any of her own money in her campaign to unseat Republican Sen. Jim Talent.

McCaskill, who spent \$1.6 million in personal funds during her unsuccessful bid for governor last year, made the disclosure last month in documents filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Her campaign spokesman, Tony Wyche, confirmed Wednesday that McCaskill plans to rely on donors to raise all the funds needed to compete with Talent.

"She expects to receive a lot of support from people across Missouri who are looking for change in Washington," Wyche said.

While the FEC declaration does not prevent McCaskill from later changing her mind, Wyche said that prospect is unlikely.

During the Democratic primary for governor last year, McCaskill loaned her campaign more than \$1.6 million, a debt still listed on her most recent campaign finance reports. After she defeated incumbent Gov. Bob Holden in the primary, an influx of money from supporters kept her from having to spend any more of her own funds for the general election.

In all, McCaskill raised \$11.6 million, including the personal loan, in her campaign for governor. Matt Blunt, who won the Nov. 2 election with 51 percent of the vote, raised nearly \$9.2 million and spent a little over \$9 million during his primary and general election campaign.

It was the most expensive gubernatorial race in Missouri history.

John Hancock, spokesman for the Missouri Republican Party, said he wanted to know how McCaskill planned to pay off the debt from her last campaign, and whether national Democratic officials made any commitments to help her.

## Noche De Baile rocks Union

By Jesse Murphy  
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and alumni gathered to feel the fever of salsa dancing last Saturday in the Union.

Noche De Baile, or Night of the Dance, is held every year by the Hispanic American Leadership Organization, or HALO. President of HALO, Jessica Alvarez, continued the tradition with an exciting celebration of Latin culture.

"Everyone got to see what HALO is all about," Alvarez said. "They were shown a different perspective of the Hispanic community not only in Missouri, but all over."

The evening began with an introduction from Alvarez and then guests were treated to dinner. There were tamale casseroles, beef and chicken enchiladas and nachos with various dips. Fruit enchiladas as well as cookies and other treats were served for dessert.

Once everyone was seated, the band Son Venezuela took the stage. The meal was accompanied by a dance performance called, "Sallenco." After people were done eating, they were all invited to stand up for salsa and merengue dance lessons. There was a latino game show, then another salsa performance, followed by a dance contest for prizes.

"It's different than, you know, our line dancing and stampedes. It just shows how diverse the culture really is here on campus," junior Katie Brown said.

## Explosion kills 1, injures 14

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — One person was killed and 14 were injured Wednesday in an explosion at a pork processing plant under construction on the south side of St. Joseph.

The apparent natural gas explosion about 2:45 p.m. at the Triumph Foods plant in southern St. Joseph may have been ignited by a welding torch, police said. The explosion ripped a 150-foot hole in the roof of the plant, which is still under construction.

Rescuers were conducting a search about 4:30 p.m., but they believe they had accounted for all of the workers at the scene and no more people were trapped inside the building, St. Joseph Police Chief Mike Hirter said.

The St. Joseph News-Press said a witness reported a fireball exploding through the roof of the plant.



DANCERS JOSH HERNANDEZ and Kisa Wright of the Latin Rhythm Dance Company perform their original dance called "Sallenco," a combination of Salsa and Flamenco. The company was founded in January 2003, and has performed in large cities across the United States including New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Throughout the night there were plenty of opportunities to practice new dancing skills. Prizes such as movie passes, vouchers good for tanning and fitness at Looks, and gift certificates from Dairy Queen, the Student Body and the Sport

Shop were available.

HALO currently has 12 members and hosts events throughout the week. If you would like to join HALO or if you want any information on it, call the Intercultural International Center at 562-1367.

## Standing behind brother, family

By Jessica Schmidt  
Staff Writer

While some fraternities choose the philanthropy their founders had, Sigma Phi Epsilon is taking on a philanthropy that is closer to home.

In June 2005, a Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni member, Trenton R. Baier, was severely injured in a diving accident. The accident paralyzed him from the shoulders down.

"He is classified a C4 to C5," said Sigma Phi Epsilon member Nathan Young. "C5 is the worst possible spinal cord injury. He is able to shrug his shoulders and talk normally though."

In the wake of their brother's accident, Sigma Phi Epsilon decided to make the Christopher Reeve Foundation and the Trenton R. Baier Foundation their formal philanthropy.

"Our previous philanthropy was ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association)," President J.J. Matousek said. "After the accident we decided we should raise money for Trenton and his family."

The amount of money to have Baier in a rehabilitation program gets larger every day, so the fraternity began planning events as early as July to raise money throughout the school year.

On Friday Oct. 14, Sigma Phi Epsilon along with KZLX will host the inaugural Benefit for Baier concert. The Sound and The Fury will be the featured band with the concert starting at 8 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be \$7 in advance, and \$10 at the door.

Some of Baier's family members will be attending the concert and Susan Baier, Trenton's mother, will speak on Trenton's behalf during the concert. Baier is scheduled to be released from a Denver hospital on Oct. 28, just two weeks after the concert.

"We encourage anybody to come out and help support our philanthropy," Young said. "It should be a good time and all of the proceeds will be going to a good cause."

## Walk to D'Feet ALS

By Ben Koehn  
Chief Photographer

This weekend, the Missouri Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta will be sponsoring the "Walk to D'Feet ALS."

The event will take place this Saturday at Beal Park. Registration and check-in will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

Phi Delta Theta hopes the event will improve awareness and raise funds for local patient services and research, while honoring those who have lost their battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). All proceeds will go to local ALS Association programs throughout northwest Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

Northwest's chapter of Phi Delta Theta, which was inducted as an official fraternity in April of 2005, is using the event as their first ever philanthropy outing.

The event was moved to Maryville from St. Joseph where it took place last year. Walk coordinator Penny Freeman said that the event was moved here after the Northwest Phi Delta Theta fraternity showed interest in the event.

"I'm letting them run the show," Freeman said. "It's really their event."

Jason Greene, Phi Delta Theta's community service chair, said that he has high hopes for the event even though there has been some difficulty in getting people to donate.

"Since we're new, we're still trying to get our name out there," Greene said. "But I really hope a lot of organizations show up (to help)."

Greene also believes that donations are weak because many that would donate have already given towards efforts to help with Hurricane Katrina.

Greene said the fraternity got the idea from Phi Delta Theta International Headquarters. Phi Delta Theta chapters have long been active in ALS awareness and support because of Lou Gehrig.

Before he was a New York Yankee and a victim of ALS, Gehrig was a member of Phi Delta Theta. ALS is now commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Greene also said people need to be made more aware of the disease.

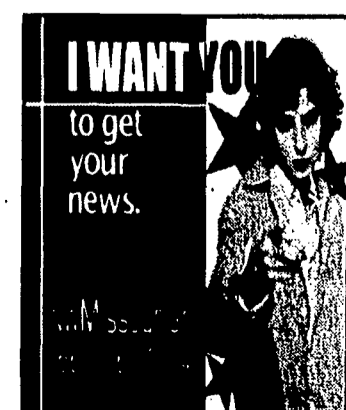
"It's been kind of put into the shadow of cancer and AIDS. It seems like ALS gets largely ignored," he said.

"It should be researched. If coffee causes it, I want to know because I drink a lot of coffee," he said.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that attacks the nerve cells in the brain, damaging and ultimately destroying the brain's ability to initiate and control muscle movements.

Currently, there is no cure or treatment for ALS that can completely halt or reverse the effects of the disease.

Teams can sign up for the walk during Saturday's registration at 9 a.m. Entrants must fill out a form at the event and make a donation of any size. There will also be a raffle to win a free round of golf at Mozingo and a gift card from Applebee's.



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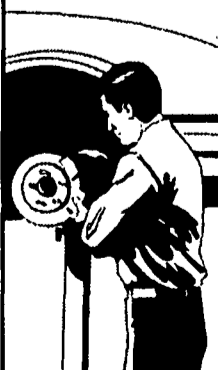
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## CITY COUNCIL

• Council members approved bill No. 200579, an ordinance excusing property owners who own tracts of land larger than three acres from mowing vegetation and noxious weeds growing along their boundaries.

Concerned citizen Clifford Bentilla petitioned the City Council members to amend the ordinance to require property owners to mow weeds and vegetation within 100 feet of property lines.

Acting City Manager Matt Unrein said the ordinance would adversely affect property owners who maintain the vegetation to feed their animals or maintain other cash crops.

• Maryville City Council approved a resolution authorizing a special use permit for the Northwest Foundation to add light signage and office space to houses located on Sixth and College Avenue.

The Foundation had already constructed the signs and began using the two residences as Foundation offices—before requesting the permits.

A city investigation ensued and officials concluded the signs were in violation of zoning ordinances. However, zoning board officials recommended the city allow the signs to remain in place.

# Expo offers taste of home

By Jessica Swartz  
Staff Writer

It was standing room only Tuesday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center as the Taste of Home Cooking show returned to Maryville.

The show, which has been presented six times since 1998, featured Lesa Newman, Taste of Home's Senior Territory Manager for the Tri-State area of Missouri, Kansas and Illinois.

For two and a half hours, Newman demonstrated recipes on stage. Her witty banter and ready jokes kept the audience laughing as she explained where pimentos come from and how to pronounce the word pecan.

The audience listened avidly—jotting notes to themselves in the Taste of Home cookbook. A cookbook was only one of many items included in the complimentary gift bag each attendee received.

"I enjoyed (Les's) presentation," Karla Booker said after attending. "She got the crowd going."

Sponsors from Maryville and beyond had booths set up in the foyer of the auditorium prior to the event including Curves for Women.

Curves was only one of the

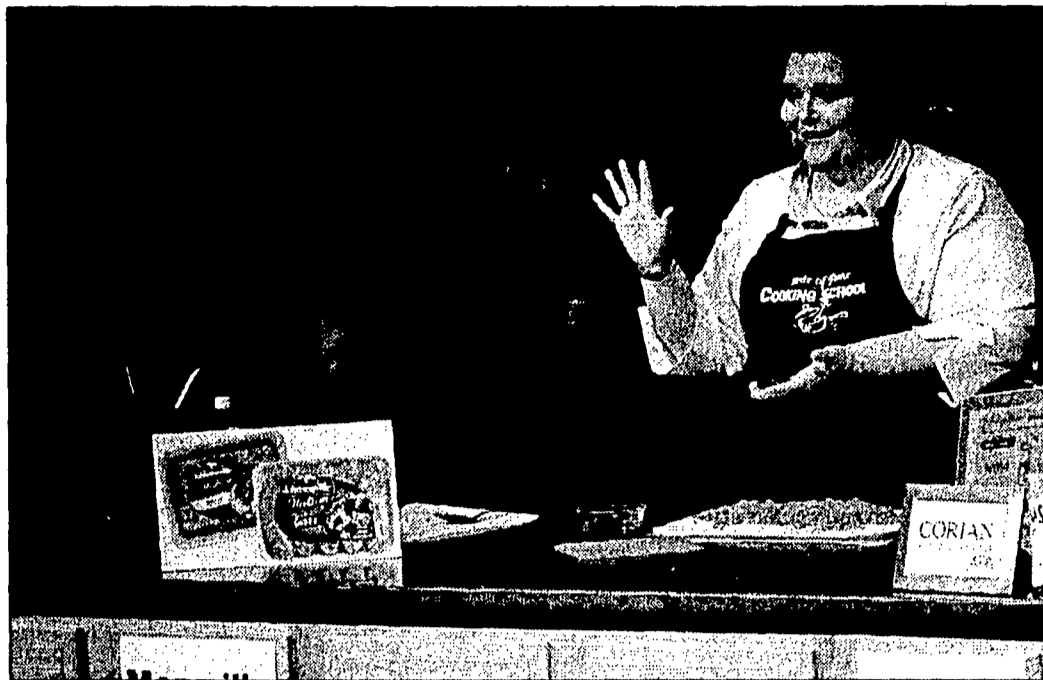


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**HOME ECONOMIST** Lesa Newman talks to a packed Mary Linn Performing Arts Center on Tuesday night. She demonstrated the Taste of Home Cooking School recipes ranging from Italian stuffed appetizer bread to a swirlicious chocolate-peanut butter toffee for desert.

businesses that donated to the prizes to be given away during the show, prizes that included a grill, bags of groceries and wrought-iron planters in the shapes of tricycles.

Booker won a pot of mums from the Hobby Horse.

The event does not occur every year, but has been met with great interest and is well

attended. The first couple of years tickets sold out.

"I've heard a lot of great things about it," Dacia McGinness, owner of Curves, said. "I hadn't been familiar with the cooking show before, but I'm absolutely sure I'll attend next year."

Ross Brenner was one of the few men who were present

this year.

"I attended with my girlfriend," Brenner said. "I saw a few men there with their wives, but not many. If it had been my choice, I would have stayed home and played Nintendo. But I wanted to do this for my girlfriend and I also wanted to learn the basics of cooking."

## Barber shop houses banter, laughter

By Tracie Giacetti  
Staff Writer

A musty mixture of dust and Old Spice hangs in the air of a one-room barber shop in downtown Maryville.

"What can I do for you today, Sir?" barber Bryan Lemons asks a customer walking through the door.

The customer takes a seat in Lemons' chair, gives a description of the style he desires. Within seconds, Lemons grabs his clippers and goes to work.

With pieces of hair dropping to the floor, both gentlemen engage in a 20-minute conversation about life and the good 'ol days.

They share friendly exchanges throughout their

session, as Lemons and clippers work their magic.

Such is a normal day for Lemons, the owner of Downing's Barber Shop on Fourth and Market streets. But owning a barber shop is only one of many hats he's worn throughout his career.

With licenses in four different states, Lemons worked in numerous salons before setting up shop in Maryville.

It wasn't until his wife's job transferred to Maryville, that he traded in his salon experience to become owner of Downings.

When the couple divorced, Lemons decided to remain in Maryville and operate the shop.

"When I moved here, this was the only place in town that had empty chairs," he said. "I had to adjust from what I was doing to just this and I really like it."

Downing, who continues to periodically cut hair at the shop, left it fully stocked with all the tools of the trade—expensive, old fashioned clippers.

After their conversation, the customer—who is finally finished—hops from the chair and checks his hair.

He pays the barber and they exchange their goodbyes. Turning to walk out, he takes one more deep breath and looks around for the comfort of the barber shop.

Lemons moves on to the next customer.

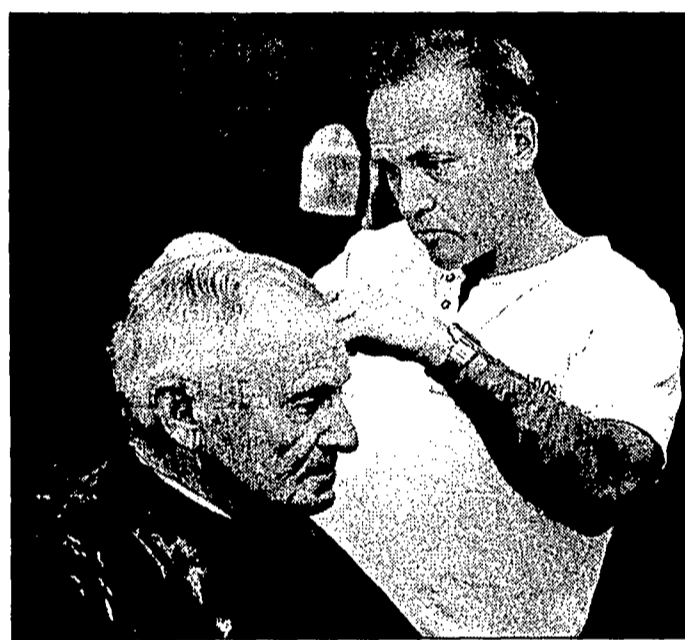


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**PAUL HANSEN** has his first visit to Bryan Lemons' barber shop. Lemons has been cutting hair for 25 years.

## Forum covers range of topics

By Jared Hoffmann  
Staff Writer

A panel of officials and community residents assembled at the Maryville Community Center Tuesday to address concerns on a variety of city issues.

The majority of topics focused on existing city projects and infrastructure issues, including the closure of the city's landfill.

Acting City Manager Matt Unrein said the landfill was closed for operation, but technicalities have allowed it to remain open.

"We're doing everything as if it were closed," Unrein said. "In all aspects of our daily lives its closed, but in the books its still an active landfill."

In addition to the landfill, Unrein touched on plans to revitalize parts of the

airport and the downtown area.

He said the overall goal is to spruce up the area by adding touches of nostalgia and the addition of features to the airport to make it more welcoming to visitors. Those features include access to transportation, comfortable waiting areas and places to get refreshments.

One attendant at the forum inquired about the

state of the Mzingo Lake multi-purpose building. Unrein said the building will open in spring 2006.

Funding is still needed for the project but Unrein hopes to receive one final donation, or else the city will tap reserve funds to finish. The multi-purpose building will offer shelter to area youth groups during adverse weather conditions and will also feature a classroom type environment.

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## CITY BRIEFS

## Trick or treat night

The 10th annual Downtown Trick or Treat Night is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m., Oct. 27.

More than 40 downtown businesses will hand out candy or other treats to costumed kids.

Maryville Public Safety D.A.R.E. officers, Rick Smal and Jeff VonBehren, will be on the Northside of the square. They will hand out glow sticks or trick-or-treaters.

The Maryville License Bureau will put together a haunted house at 423 N. Market St.

## Bridal fair Sunday

The Maryville Community Center is hosting its annual Bridal Fair from 2 to 5 p.m., Oct. 16.

A runway show will feature tuxedos, wedding dresses, brides maid and prom dresses.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Maryville Community Center for \$2. Tickets at the door will be sold for \$5.

For more information, call 562-2923.

## Next house sought

Nodaway County Habitat for Humanity will have a meeting 11 a.m., Oct. 15, at the Christian Church, 211 E. Third St., in Burlington Junction, Mo.

The meeting is open to individuals and families who would like to apply for the home being built in summer of 2006.

Applications will be available after the meeting.

## Coats for Kids

The annual "Coats for Kids" drive will continue through Oct. 31.

Drop-off sites for children's coats, infant sized through 14 years of age, are Hy-Vee, Movie Magic and Maryville Dry Cleaning.

Hy-Vee and Movie Magic will provide a free movie rental in exchange for coat donations.

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# Community refuses to tolerate racist action

When you first arrived at Northwest, what was your first impression of Maryville? What did you first notice?

Was it the smaller community? Was it that this is a place where most people get along? That this is a community far from the reaches of big city violence? That this is a place where people would look out for each other?

It is hard to imagine anything bad happening here, in such a small community that so many peo-

ple fondly call 'home.'

Something did happen though.

A Northwest student woke up one typical Sunday morning and had planned, like every Sunday, to go study at the B. D. Owens Library. Instead, after walking into the parking lot behind his building, his plans were cut short and he was forced to contact the police.

During the night someone vandalized his car by painting a racial slur on it. How could this happen

here?

This is our home. We are supposed to be sheltered from big city threats and crime. The fact that such a disgusting act of vandalism happened to a fellow student of ours is truly shocking.

This particular instance is now beyond anyone's control, so the next step we must take is finding a way to prevent it from happening again.

Taking a walk around campus, it's amazing to see the diversity of students

we have from all over the globe. Having such a diverse campus offers a variety of learning experiences for students.

Why not take advantage of this?

Fighting racism begins with the actions of individuals. You can help. Get to know people. Instead of staring at the ground while rushing to class, or blindly driving down Main Street, take notice of the people around you.

There is too much to learn, too much history

that composes all of us as human beings to justify racism. Everyone out there has a story. Why not take the time to hear someone's, and in turn tell your own. Through this simple act many race barriers can be shattered by friendship.

In spite of all of the negative repercussions of such an act, these things do not appear to happen very often in our community.

In addition, Walker Body Shop should be commended for fixing the damage to this student's car,

free of charge. Without this gesture the student would have not only been subjected to such harassment but he would have been forced to pay for it.

It's the kind actions like these that help redeem the negative actions of others and reinforce belief that our community will not tolerate such acts of racism.

The kindness of others and the friendly nature of the community are one reason we continue to call Maryville 'home.'



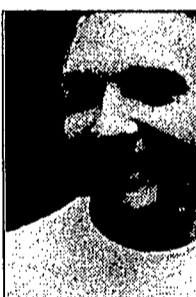
## Get loud, make copy editor's day

In this week's episode of "The Stroller," Your Man uses sarcasm and wit to implore students to attend football games. Your Man suggested that every student should attend the game against Central Missouri State.

I'm not sure a student has any obligation to go to a football game. I don't feel like ranting and raving about school pride and community spirit. This is about a personal favor. Please attend the game against Central Missouri State.

"What!?" you're probably

### Hungry & Poor



Billy Burns  
Copy Editor

saying. Before you call me a hypocrite, hear me out.

I like cheeseburgers. And I like cheap things. Obviously, I like cheap cheeseburgers.

Cheeseburgers represent all that is good about America. Well, that may be a bit of hyperbole. They do, for sure, represent all that is good about cows.

Furthermore, as an individual with no discernible income, I really like cheap things. Cheap things, and this might not be hyperbole, are what's right with America.

The reason everyone should attend the game against the Mules is simple. The price of my cheeseburger depends on your attendance.

You see, our local McDonald's has a deal every Monday during football season. The price of the second sandwich purchased directly correlates with the total points allowed by the Bearcat defense the Saturday before. Therefore, if the Bearcats give up two touchdowns, my second cheeseburger will only cost me 14 cents. Pretty sweet, right?

You are already well aware of my affinity for cheap things; now, imagine how much I like free things. Charging zero dollars and zero cents takes

making something cheap to the max.

We need a shutout. If you, and all of your fellow students, show up for the Homecoming game, Bearcat Stadium will be louder than an F-16 taking off in the middle of a KISS concert. Loud stadiums reportedly cause the visiting offense to suck a little more than usual.

And if the Mules sucking more than usual results in less points than they would have otherwise scored, I will in turn receive a discount on my discount cheeseburger. Simple logic dictates you should attend the next game and make some noise while you're there. Please.

If I knew then what I know now, ah, the things I would wish to go back and change.

I have an interesting way of becoming passionate or emotional about something and letting my heart guide my actions instead of thinking things through completely.

Last year I went through open recruitment for a sorority. To make a long story short, some not-so-nice, and might I add irrelevant comments were said about me during the voting process and I didn't get in. Instead of coming and telling me, I got to sit and wait hours until a few close friends came and informed me of the disheartening news.

Fast forward five hours later. Infuriated, I write an editorial, thinking that if I warn other women, I could save a few hearts. Instead of taking the time to research the Greek process I made a very untrue accusation.

I proclaimed that if sororities are selective in their membership they should have a system in place to let girls know they didn't get in.

Because I didn't want to name the involved sorority because I loved so many of the girls, I ended up putting a proverbial black eye on the entire Greek community.

(Insert Stephanie's foot in Stephanie's mouth here.)

If I would have asked just a few questions I would have found out sororities have women called Gamma Chis to tell girls they didn't get in.

So, for that, I offer an extremely overdue apology.

But all of this isn't the

### Faith Defined



Stephanie Stangl  
Managing Editor

point of the article. I want to urge each of you to not always judge something at face value.

For instance, on the surface it may appear that members of the Greek community are extremely snotty and cliquey. They bought their friends. They think they are better than the rest.

I know, because I assumed these things for the entire year after the editorial incident.

But if you scratch beneath the surface many of these men and women stand for so much more.

According to the Northwest Web site, 39 percent of the Greek community made the Dean's List for the 2003-2004 school year, \$57,000 was raised for local or national philanthropies by the 16 chapters and 40,000 hours of community service was completed.

It wasn't until a few weeks ago when I joined Alpha Delta Pi that I took note of all the hard work and long hours that goes into being Greek and the dedication, good will and camaraderie that fuels this wonderful system.

I felt more love and friendship in the past couple weeks and have met some of the most wonderful girls I can remember in my whole life.

I'm not writing this because I don't want to look like a hypocrite. I write this because I think this is a good example of how some things deserve a second glance and maybe some research needs to be done before you choose to judge.

If you take the time, you will be delighted to find often times there is more than meets the eye.

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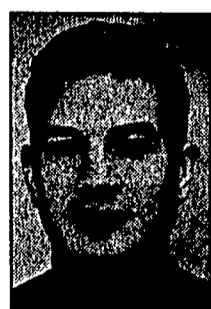
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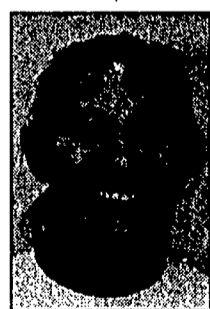
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#### What is the grossest thing you have ever eaten?



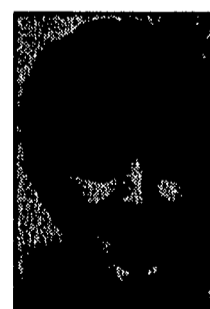
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Arrests

9/29

1:38 p.m.  
Recovered property, blue mountain bike, 500 block East Seventh.

9/30

12:48 a.m.  
Thomas A. Holzer Jr., 23, Maryville, disorderly conduct, failure to comply, 300 block North Market.

1:53 a.m.

Danielle L. Fritz, 23, Maryville, DWI, improper lane usage, no valid driver's license, 100 block North Grand.

1:53 a.m.

Robert L. Sturm, 29, Maryville, failure to comply, resisting arrest, 100 block North Grand.

9:49 a.m.

Property damage, vehicle, 3100 block East First.

4:34 p.m.

Larceny, bicycle, 600 block East Cooper.

10/1

12:40 a.m.  
Jordan L. Langer, 19, Maryville, permitting peace disturbance, 500 block West Ninth.

1:01 a.m.

Property damage, vehicle, 100 block West Fourth.

1:33 a.m.

Scott A. Harkrider, 35, Maryville, failure to comply, 300 block North Market

9:47 a.m.

Recovered property, purse, 500 block South Dunn.

3:25 p.m.

Larceny, bicycle, 1100 block West 17th

11:30 p.m.

Kathleen E. Ames, 21, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 1000 block North Mulberry.

11:30 p.m.

Carla M. Hunzaker, 21, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 1000 block North Mulberry.

11:30 p.m.

Ryan T. Ames, 19, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, false information to an officer, possession of another's ID, MIP, 1000 block North Mulberry.

10/2

1:38 a.m.  
Gabriel M. Lickteig, 19, Maryville, MIP, 100 block West Fourth.

2:36 a.m.

Larceny, car stereo, 600 block East Third.

10:51 a.m.

Stolen vehicle recovered 1700 block North Grand Avblock East

7:07 p.m.

Alvin L. Feighert, 37, Maryville, failure to appear, 600 block South Main.

8:14 p.m.

Larceny/stealing, gas drive-off, 1200 block South Main.

8:19 p.m.

Nathan A. Young, 17, Maryville, possession of illegal weapon, MIP, 500 block South Prairie

10/4

5:38 p.m.  
Property: Propane Tanks, 200 block East Jenkins

10:53 a.m.

Lonnie E. Mabin, 23, Kansas City, Mo., Buchanan County Jail, failure to appear.

10/5

8:56 a.m.  
Towed Vehicle, red Ford 250,200 block South Buchanan.

7:49 a.m.

Vehicle recovered, 900 block South Walnut.

12:14 p.m.

Larceny, space heater, 600 block East Fifth.

3:23 p.m.

Mark A. Keller, 26, Maryville, Possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, driving while suspended, 600 block North Main.

3:34 p.m.

Travis A. Cronk, 19, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block North Market.

8:15 p.m.

Larceny, CD case & CD's, 800 block East Third.

10/6

2:58 a.m.  
Katie L. Kousgard, 22, Maryville, property damage, peace disturbance, 200 block

South Walnut.

10:56 p.m.

Megan D. Igou, 19, Platte city, disorderly conduct, 400 block South Main.

Dane A. Foster,

19, Maryville, MIP, open container in vehicle, 400 block South Main.

Matthew A. Seward,

20, Monroe City, MIP, open container in vehicle, 400 block South Main.

4:00 p.m.

lost, stolen purablock East

10/7

Larceny, iPod, 1500 block South Munn.

10:03 a.m.

Larceny, registration sticker, 200 block East Third.

11:09 a.m.

recovered property, Missouri driver's license and NWMSU ID, 400 block North Buchanan

1:33 p.m.

Broken window, 600 block North Buchanan

1:07 a.m.

Christon D. Chambers, 19, Maryville, Receiving stolen property, driving while revoked, display plates of another, failure to register plates annually, operate a motor vehicle without operable taillamps.

10/8

12:57 a.m.  
Adam D. Danner, 20, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Derek R. Kesner,

20, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Nathaniel A. Tait,

19, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Shane T. McNamara,

19, Kansas City, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Cody W. Bradford,

19, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Tara L. Dean,

19, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Karen D. Hawkins,

19, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Joseph R. Coatney,

20, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Patrick D. Rattlinger,

20, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Julie B. Bailey,

19, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Angela L. Smith,

20, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

Christine E. Walter,

19, Maryville, peace disturbance, 600 block East Seventh.

1:00 a.m.

Brett C. Overly, 20, Kansas City, Mo., MIP, false information to an officer, possession of another's ID, 400 block North Buchanan.

12:52 a.m.

Jacob D. Lawson, 19, Lathrop, Mo., MIP, 400 block North Buchanan.

12:38 a.m.

Tyler L. Roach, 18, Elkhorn, Neb., MIP, 400 block North Buchanan.

11:45 a.m.

Timothy R. Strickler, 18, Centerville, Iowa, MIP, 300 block North Market.

1:48 a.m.

Scott A. Ellis, 25, Maryville, DWI, failure to maintain financial responsibility, careless and imprudent driving, failure to signal turn, 100 block East Thompson.

9:10 p.m.

recovered property, car stereo, 1000 block East South Avenue

10/9

12:31 a.m.  
Justin T. Knox, 19, Maryville, resisting arrest, MIP, under 19 in a bar, 400 block North Buchanan.

2:26 a.m.

Geoffrey G. Githalga, 22, Maryville, DWI, no valid drivers license, false information to a Police Officer, careless and imprudent driving, 600 block West Fourth.

4:41 p.m.

lost/stolen property, checkbook and debit card.

10/10

10:26 a.m.  
recovered property, cell phone, 1100 block North College Drive

10/9

11:24 a.m.  
property damage, Judah Park.

## Accidents Reported

9/29

3:00 p.m.  
Unknown and Clarissa A. Puckett, Maryville, 1800 South Main.

10/2

3:15 p.m.  
Stephanie N. Mercer, 16, Maryville, 500 North Main

9/30

11:01 p.m.  
Anthony S. Henggeler, 19, Ravenwood, Mo., and David R. Guenther, 40, Guilford, Mo., Halsay and Main.

10/4

8:02 a.m.  
Vernon Olsen, II., 79, Maryville, and Maribeth L. White, Maryville, 300 block South Davis.

6:55 p.m.

Jinsong Jeong, Maryville, block West Sixteenth.

10/5

1:30 p.m.  
unknown, and Darci L. Wilson, Maryville, Filmore and Lincoln.

6:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Ledbetter, 48, Fillmore, Mo., and Shawn block East Frush, 17, Pickering, Mo., First and Laura.

10/7

3:17 p.m.  
Keaton J. Schmidt, 16, Maryville, Jessica D. Wiley, 18, Fairfax, Mo., and Jerry D. Smith, 53, Maryville, block East South Avenue and Main, Keaton cited for careless and imprudent driving.

1:47 p.m.

William A. Baudier, 18, Fantanelle, Iowa, Kristina A. Alexander, 34, Maryville, and Thomas Wilmes, 57, Maryville, First and Main. Baudier cited for failure to yield.

10/8

5:45 a.m.  
unknown and Bryan A. Dulin, Maryville, 1200 block South Main.

MUNICIPAL COURT  
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## Speeding

Sara L. Schafer, Barnard, Mo., \$60.50  
Steven L. Newcomer, Darlington, Mo., \$77.50

Jerry L. Godsey, Ravenwood, Mo., \$67.50  
Kyle S. Miller, Maryville, \$91.50

Lindsey N. Davis, Maryville, \$64.50  
Gina L. Pankau, Pickering, Mo., \$152.50

Kyle E. Hansen, Hopkins, Mo., \$48.50  
Patrick D. Hayworth, Maryville, \$60.50

Mitchell A. Lager, Conception Junction, Mo., \$72.50  
Keri L. Lohr, Overland Park, Kan., \$64.50

Defective Equipment  
Arlana C. Kvltne, Maryville, \$272.50  
James N. King, Tarkio, Mo., \$72.50  
James S. Proctor, Maryville, \$297.50

Displayed License Plates of Another Person  
Ryan A. Eckstein, Maryville, \$500

Stop Light/Sign Violation  
Austin E. Johnson, Polo, Mo., \$97.50  
Crystal M. Woodbury, Maryville, \$97.50

Careless and Imprudent Driving  
Chelsea L. Emzen, Maryville, \$147.50  
Cesar E. Mendez, Maryville, \$125

Yoshitaka Nakabayashi, Clarinda, Iowa, \$97.50

Driving While Suspended  
Elijah M. Murluki, Kansas City, Mo., \$522.50

Driving While Revoked  
Ryan A. Eckstein, Maryville, \$1045

Driving Without a Valid Driver's License  
Michael P. Wilmes, Maryville, \$522.50  
Cesar E. Mendez, Maryville, \$379.50

Driving While Intoxicated  
Patrick W. Stites, Doolittle, Mo., \$595.50

Improper Registration  
Elijah M. Murluki, Kansas City, \$50  
Cory L. David, Maryville, \$50

## Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility

Elijah M. Murluki, Kansas City, \$350  
Cory L. Davis, Maryville, \$247.50

## Leaving the Scene of an Accident

Yoshitaka Nakabayashi, Clarinda, Iowa, \$272.50

## Failure to Appear

Danny Spaulding, Maryville, \$146  
Crystal L. Coffelt, Burlington Junction, Mo., \$72.50

## Affray

Christine M. Makings, Maryville, \$122.50

## Assault

Ryan A. Eckstein, Maryville, \$500  
Christine M. Makings, Maryville, \$222.50

## Noise Violation

Skyler T. Anderson, Maryville, \$222.50

## Peace Disturbance

Courtney R. Graves, Maryville, \$122.50  
Eli J. Hansen, Maryville, \$122.50  
Lauren K. White, Maryville, \$122.50

## Dog at Large

Jesse L. Haynes, Maryville, \$25

## Vicious Dog

Jesse L. Haynes, Maryville, \$100

## Property Damage

Evan E. Cloepfl, Maryville, \$272.50  
Jesse L. Haynes, Maryville, \$72.50

## Resisting Arrest

Allison J. Hipsley, Bedford, Iowa, \$272.50

## Open Container in Vehicle

Elijah M. Murluki, Kansas City, \$100

## Littering

Sean M. Hutchison, Maryville, \$122.50  
Tyler J. Jones, Walton, Neb., \$50

## Trespassing

Nathan A. Young, Maryville, \$250

## Disorderly Conduct

Sean M. Hutchison, Maryville, \$122.50

## Minor in Possession

Nathan A. Young, Maryville, \$222.50  
Lauren E. Noorhan, Kansas City, \$222.50  
Tyler D. DeFelice, Parkville, Mo., \$222.50

Kena B. Rife, Maryville, \$222.5050  
Charles C. Costello, Maryville, \$222.50  
Tyler J. Jones, Walton, Mo., \$222.50

Jennifer A. Martin, Weston, Mo., \$222.50  
Michael J. Stanek, Walthill, Neb., \$222.50  
Jonathan C. Semach, Maryville, \$222.50

Allison J. Hipsley, Bedford, \$222.50  
Megan M. Waters, Maryville, \$222.5050

## Failure to Comply

Michael J. Stanek, Walthill, \$222.50

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

9/18  
Maryville subject reported building was broken into in Hopkins.

Barnard subject reported property damage and theft from property.

9/20  
Burlington Junction subject reported he had been assaulted.

9/23  
Maryville subject reported a theft from his vehicle while parked in a Maryville business.

9/27  
Sheridan subject reported his machine shed had been broken into and items were taken from it.

9/28  
Parnell subject reported burglary to his residence block East

9/29  
Maryville subject reported theft of property.

10/1  
Maryville subject reported a burglary at his business in Burlington Junction.

10/5  
Maryville subject reported theft from his farm shed.



**RAPPER DMX**, whose real name is Earl Simmons, poses as he leaves Queens criminal court Tuesday, in New York. He attended a hearing in state Supreme Court on charges of reckless endangerment.

## Rapper stressed out from hearings

By Pat Milton  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - DMX stood demurely, his hands clasped behind his back, as a judge adjourned his case for allegedly violating the conditions of his release following a car crash last year at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The 34-year-old rapper, who has acted in films including "Never Die Alone," "Romeo Must Die" and "Cradle 2 the Grave," showed up for court Tuesday wearing cream-colored sweat pants and jacket, work boots and heavy silver chains around his neck and wrist.

He didn't speak as Judge Dorothy Chin-Brandt granted a defense request to adjourn the

case to Oct. 25.

But outside court, chewing gum and perpetually moving and jumping, DMX told reporters "they are all ludicrous," when asked about the charges against him.

"It's been very stressful," he said. "Nobody likes to come to court."

He hammed it up for the media, doing a dance down the steps of the Queens Criminal Court building.

DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, pleaded guilty last December to smashing into a gate with his vehicle at Kennedy Airport in June 2004 after telling a parking lot attendant he was a federal agent. The rapper has admitted to being on Valium at the time.



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## Campus, community fight back against racism

Ashley Bally  
University Editor

One Sunday morning a Northwest student crawled out of bed and prepared to head to B. D. Owens Library. This was no different than any Sunday for him, this getting up to go do homework. After stepping into the parking lot behind his building, his plans were cut short.

The student phoned Maryville Public Safety and reported that someone had vandalized his car, based on the color of his skin.

During the night, someone had used a can of black aerosol spray paint to print a racial slur on the hood and passenger side of the white car.

Max Mushi is a foreign student from Tanzania, Africa. He has lived in Maryville for three years. He loves the community and considers Maryville to be his home.

"I like this place because it is quiet, affordable and there is no violence," Mushi said. "It's not like New York or Chicago. It's just sad. I don't know what happened."

The violation to Mushi's car is being classified as property vandalism. When the assailant is caught, since the crime is racially motivated, the charge will be moved up to hate crime status. The hate crime charge increases the severity of punishment that will, in this case become a felony, according to Director of Public Safety Keith Wood.

One local business owner provided a positive twist

to the story. Walker's Body Shop repaired the damage to Mushi's car free of charge.

"I didn't want to add insult to injury by making him pay for it out of his own pocket," Owner Bill Walker said. "He's a nice guy and I felt it was the right thing to do."

Mushi said that a kind act coming out of such a hurtful incident brings a sense of harmony to the incident.

"I think it represents a balance because he is from here and he wanted to show people he was from here by doing something good," Mushi said. "Not everyone here is bad and doesn't like people of color."

In a response to the vandalism the Northwest campus held a forum in the J. W. Jones Student Union Monday.

Spanish instructor Francisco "Paco" Martinez organized the forum for students to gather in groups and discuss the aspects of racial crime and the consequences inherent in such actions.

Students of all ethnicities and races were present. Martinez hopes many will share the message with the rest of campus and the community.

"The message I would like for students to take away would be that you cannot just let these things happen," Martinez said. "You have to be proactive you cannot just turn away."

Martinez hopes to conduct more forums to expand awareness and work toward prevention of such crimes in the future.



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**GUATEMALAN SCHOOLBOYS** in uniform watch as a U.S. Army Chinook helicopter powers up to leave after dropping off about ten thousand pounds of emergency supplies, in the remote Guatemalan village of Concepcion, about 250 kms (155 miles) outside Guatemala City.

## U.S. urges cooperation in Central America in midst of disaster, flooding

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
Associated Press Writer

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Juggling military disaster relief efforts in the U.S., Pakistan and Guatemala, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Central American leaders Wednesday that the next unknown crisis can only be resolved if democracies work together.

Speaking to military and security ministers, including some who are allies in Iraq and the war on terror, Rumsfeld spoke broadly of the need to defend democracy in order to open up future opportunities.

"It is clear the better the relationships and the better organized we are with respect to security matters, the better able we will be to deal with disasters, natural or man-made," said Rumsfeld. "And that is a good thing for our

people."

In the last week, the Pentagon has poured military resources — from helicopters and medical teams to food and engineers into Guatemala, where mudslides buried entire hamlets, and to Pakistan, where an earthquake has killed hundreds. The military continues to provide relief to the hurricane ravaged Gulf Coast.

Major Gen. Carlos Humberto Aldana, Guatemala's defense minister, thanked Rumsfeld for immediately providing aid to his country, and said that such solidarity illustrates the value of improved cooperation in the region.

Rumsfeld was hosting a two-day conference with the ministers from all seven Central American countries, calling it a "unique moment for the Americas."

"The opportunities

ahead are limited only by our countries' commitment to defending our free systems that so many have fought so long and so hard to secure," said Rumsfeld. "Drug traffickers, smugglers, hostage-takers, terrorists, violent gangs — these are threats that are serious. But our countries are combating them, and together I think we can defeat them over time."

The Central American leaders also spoke Wednesday about their need for greater cooperation to battle illegal drugs, weapons sales, immigration issues, gangs and other crimes. And they will look to the United States and the international community for help in training, buying equipment and advice.

They all acknowledged that any cooperation must also respect each country's independence.

## RICE: Ventria harvest rice

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He also said that although things look good so far, other variables have to be taken into consideration.

"It almost takes longer to clean up than it does to harvest," Veeman said. "We seem to be right where we need to be, but when you grow in smaller plots the numbers could get distorted."

Three different locations were used for testing this past spring. Northwest Alumnus Jason Garst is testing it on his farm near Rockport. Testing is also occurring at the Hundley-Whaley Farm in Albany Mo., and the Greeley Farm in Novelty, Mo., both run by the University of Missouri System.

Garst said that the whole process has been a continued learning experience for him. Before this year he had not even seen rice grown before, besides even growing it himself. He said that it brings an opportunity to farmers that was not thought to be there.

"It's a rare opportunity," Garst said. "As a farmer I've read about this stuff seven or eight years ago, but always thought the companies would grow it themselves, but that's not the case."

Garst said to keep up with inflation every year farmers must find ways to increase production with what land they have or find additional land to buy or rent. He said the demand for land is very tight and competitive, because it is such a limited resource.

Garst believes the future prospects for northwest Missouri farmers is bright if they are willing to change and are real entrepreneurs.

"The opportunity is unbelievable," Garst said. "It is so new and we're not sure how it will unfold yet. It will unfold for sure and when it does hopefully it will unfold here for us."

## CHO: Ranting, raving voice

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"If Jesus came back today, he'd be like, 'That's not what I meant!'," Cho said.

Cho touched on the 2004 presidential election and the dominance of red states over blue states.

"Great, now they have a color-coded map of where all the stupid people are," she said.

Cho later touched on growing up as an Asian American. She said that she didn't always want to do what was expected of her.

"When I was growing up, I had a real hard time being Asian," she said.

After the show, Lindsay Edwards, a sophomore Interactive Digital Media major raved about Cho.

"I think it rocked. I like the fact that she was very open," she said.

Cho said during the show, that she enjoys touring the U.S. more than traveling foreign countries.

"I find other countries test my patience," Cho said.

Opening for Cho was Bruce Daniels, who co-starred with Cho in her film, "Bam Bam and Celeste." The film was written by Cho who said during her show that she had to start writing her own films because, "I don't do kung fu."

## POUND: Burger too much for writer to handle

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A handful of fries. That's all it would have taken for me to earn the eternal respect of my peers that day.

A one-pound burger and several handfuls of fries. That's what I instead threw up onto the bathroom floor of K&T's in Parnell.

I had been defeated and shamed. I walked out of the restaurant that day, head hung low. But ever since then, I had been plotting revenge.

This week I got that

chance. Joined by my editor Cole Young and Trevor Moran, a photographer, I attempted once again to pound down the Pounder.

Once again, the waitress brought out a platter overloaded with fries and a burger that stared at me. And once again I sat with giggling friends just hoping for a repeat of the bathroom blitz that I've become infamous for in small circles.

Some things in life are certain. The earth is round, the Royals will never have an undefeated season, and I

will never eat more food than can fit into my stomach. But I will tell you this much. I know when to walk away.

I didn't throw up this time, but I didn't finish the meal either. I left a handful of fries as table scraps. A reminder that it's not quantity in life that matters, but quality. I didn't "man up" and try to consume as much food as possible so I could feel a little bit of respect and/or extreme indigestion. I did what I should have done the first time around—I savored the meal.

## FOOD: Friendship key to success for Parnell bar

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One group that helps fill the restaurant on a weekly basis is a group of campers from Pizzridge, a campground near Stanberry.

This night, six campers made their way in, a small group compared to their usual crowd.

"Some nights we can get up to 20 or so people from the campground over here," Albany resident Lorene Harris said. "We always have an excellent time over here. I don't think I've ever had something bad here."

Crowds vary from week to week, sometimes bringing in tons of fresh faces while the

regulars still fill a good portion of the seats.

"There are some people, I swear they come in here damn near every day," Hughes said.

The food, namely the double cheeseburger, has gained notoriety among the college crowd as well as the locals and travelers.

"I tried to eat the double cheeseburger once when I came in here," another camper Fred Barnes said. "I'd just finished working on the farm and I couldn't finish it."

The double cheeseburger weighs in at one pound—after it's cooked—which when coupled with a platter full of fries gives most people more

than they can handle.

"Those kids are crazy," Hughes said. "I just eat the regular hamburger and that's plenty."

Each week the restaurant goes through around 180 pounds of beef — which breaks down to just less than a pound of meat per Parnell resident.

While most wouldn't think of a bar as a community center, K&T's often doubles as just that.

Saturday the restaurant played host to a funeral dinner and a birthday party for 40 that evening.

As a group of customers came in carrying balloons and a birthday cake, Hughes looked at one of his waitresses.

"It looks like it's going to be a busy night tonight," he said as he smiled at another customer walking through the door.

## Sprint sues state over local phone service

By Kevin O'Hanlon  
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Sprint Communications Co. is accusing the Nebraska Public Service Commission of hampering its efforts to provide local phone service in the state.

In a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court, Sprint alleges that the PSC is violating the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which was meant to foster competition in the industry and give consumers more choices.

Overland Park, Kan.-based Sprint teamed with Time Warner Cable to provide local telephone service in Lincoln and other cities using Time Warner's cable wires.

But Sprint could not strike a deal with the Southeast Nebraska Telephone Co., or SENTCO, to offer local service in Falls City. SENTCO argued that because Time Warner, not Sprint, would actually be the company directly offering phone service, it was not obligated under federal law to negotiate with Sprint.

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# Playoff Perspective



TRENT HEARN rushes for Washburn Saturday against Northwest. The Bearcat defense allowed 31 points, the most points allowed by the Bearcats all season. Washburn knocked off a ranked team for the second week in a row and sits alone atop the conference and regional standings right now.

## Winning out priority for playoff hopes

By Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

Coach Mel Tjeerdsma doesn't have to look at the Southwest Regional rankings to know where his team stands.

"We really know where we're at, basically we keep winning and we're going to be in the playoffs and if we lose a game we're probably not going to be in," Tjeerdsma said. "It's real simple."

It's simple for the Bearcats because they sit in sixth place right now in the rankings and only the top six in the region make it in.

If the playoffs started today Northwest would be the sixth seed in the Southwest Regional and currently would travel to play Texas A&M-Kingsville, the third seed.

Central Missouri State is the first priority for Northwest right now, though.

"It's the first step, we got to win out and that's what we have to do," wide receiver Jared Meyerkorth said. "So each game is critical and that game's a huge game. We're lucky to have it at home, we play well at home, we're looking forward to having them coming into town."

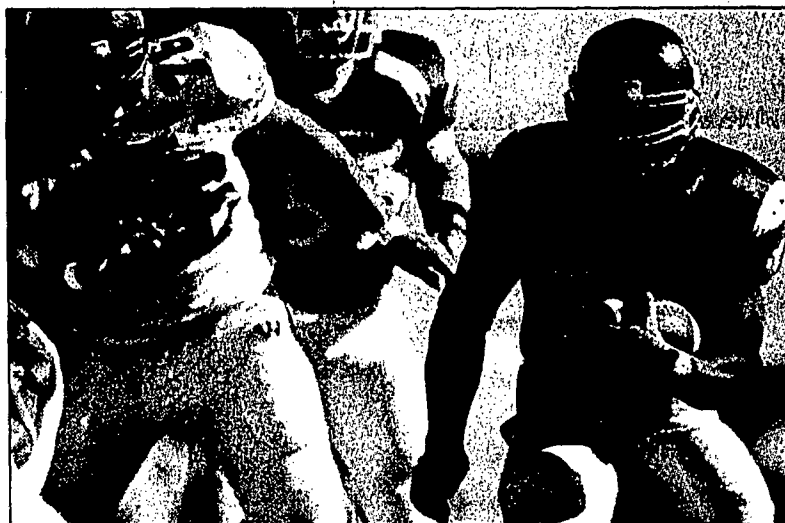
The 'Cats still have a chance at tying for the MIAA championship. They will need to win out and hope Washburn falls, but right now the team is just focusing on Central Missouri.

"I think Central feels like their inferior to us, so they have to prove something every time they play us so that's a big game for us and we won't think about Pitt at all until after Central is done," linebacker Ben Harness said.

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### REGIONAL RANKINGS (AS OF OCT. 10)

1. WASHBURN
2. WEST TEXAS A&M
3. TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE
4. TARLETON STATE
5. NEBRASKA-KEARNEY
6. NORTHWEST
7. PITTSBURG STATE
8. MISSOURI WESTERN
9. EASTERN NEW MEXICO
10. CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE



XAVIER OMON makes a move during the fourth quarter against Washburn Saturday. Omon scored a touchdown to tie the game with less than two minutes remaining, but the Ichabods came back to win 31-28.

### REGIONAL RANKINGS? HOW THEY ARE SET UP

The regional rankings have Northwest No. 6 in the Southwest Region. Here's a breakdown of what makes up the rankings.

**Win quality.** Factors that play into win quality are the level of opponent, their winning percentage and whether a team won or lost on the road.

**Head-to-head.** Simple enough. If two teams have the same record and one beat the other, then they are higher up in the regional rankings, especially if there is a tie.

**Strength of schedule.** Feel like playing Southwest Oklahoma Panhandle State. That's OK, but it will hurt when it comes time to figure up the strength of schedule.

**Win-Loss Record.** It may seem obvious, but sometimes a team with the better record can be sent to the bottom of the regional ranking if the opponents aren't tough enough. Just ask Colorado School of the Mines last year. An 11-0 record was good enough for the No. 4 spot in the region.

## Spoofhounds look to rebound from tough loss against Lafayette

By Brendan Kelley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Watching a Maryville Spoofhound practice this week one would never know that the 'Hounds are 1-4. Laughs come from the huddle. "That a way, nice run Kevin," someone screams. Then there's Coach Paul Miller standing in the middle of the field with his arm around a player, explaining to him what he needs to do.

"I think with each loss the kids think sooner or later the coaches are going to turn on them," Miller said. "We had a heart to heart with them the other day. I think the kids are seeing that we aren't out to get them, we're here to make them better."

The 'Hounds had hoped to turn their season around with a win over Lafayette last Friday, but instead the 'Hounds were handed a 41-14 loss and found themselves search-

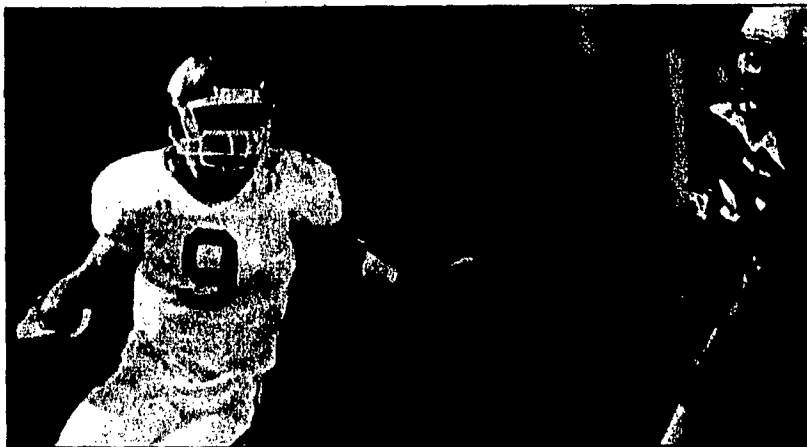
ing for answers heading into this Friday's showdown with the Benton Cardinals.

"Benton's offense is going to be more complex. Lafayette kept using the same formation play after play," running back Tyler Oglesby said. "This week we're going to see a lot of different stuff, so we have to be sharper mentally and tackle better."

Even though the offense only put up 14 points against the Irish, quarterback Kevin Schluter threw the ball over 20 times, completing 12 of 23 passes for 156 yards.

"Our offense really came together, but we had too many penalties," Schluter said. "As the year goes on I get more confident throwing the ball. When I throw the ball it also takes some of the pressure off of the line."

Lafayette was a fairly athletic team with a few standout players,



QUARTERBACK KEVIN SCHLUTER tries to elude a Lafayette defender Friday night in St. Joseph. The Spoofhounds fell 41-14, giving the Irish their first win in 20 games. Maryville travels to Benton Friday.

but Benton will present a completely different problem for the 'Hounds.

"Benton is huge, they're one of the biggest high school teams I've ever seen," Miller said. "They play power football. They try to ram it

down your throat on offense and crush you on defense."

With only four games remaining and the last three being district

see **HOUNDS** on B3

## Fixing penalties key for rest of season

By Jerome Boettcher  
Sports Editor

After Saturday's loss to Washburn, Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma showed concern about his team's penalties.

The officials flagged the Bearcats eight times for 108 yards—twice on fourth down when Washburn attempted to punt.

"We talked a little about that, we said sooner or later it's probably going to cost us a game and I hoped it didn't," Tjeerdsma said. "Unfortunately I think it did...We didn't put ourselves in a position to win the football game."

However, on Tuesday after practice, Tjeerdsma thought different.

"It's neither here or there, those didn't beat us, there's a lot of things," Tjeerdsma said. "You can't point to one thing in the game and say that's what beat you. You can look at the last drive that had a lot to do with it."

During a drive in the second quarter, lined up to punt on fourth down. When the long snapper brought the ball up, defensive lineman Dave Tollefson slapped the ball. Tollefson was penalized for

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### MORE PENALTIES 67

PENALTIES ON NORTHWEST  
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PENALTY YARDS THIS SEASON  
93

PENALTY YARDS PER GAME

## Runners have good showing in Nebraska

By James Evans  
Staff Writer

"With the MIAA conference meet approaching, both Northwest cross country teams went into the Concordia Invitational this weekend with clear but very different goals.

The men's team sought to experience success without their top runner. The women used the race as a means to prepare individually for the conference meet.

"We ran, as a team, our best times of the year and it wasn't on the easiest course that we've ran this year," men's Coach Richard Alsop said.

The men finished second, one of their best placements this year. In the absence of their number one runner Drew Wilson, Matt Pohren led the team. Pohren finished sixth overall with a time of 26:41 in the 8K race.

After Pohren, Bearcats Brandon Dart, Austin Huerta, and Bryan Touney placed ninth, 10th, and 12th respectively, giving the team a strong presence in the top 15.

The women's team finished third out of three teams. Coach Scott Lorek admitted that the team's final placement was not the ultimate goal.

"We worked on some tactical things that we want to do early in races. So, honestly, I hate to say this, but the team performance really wasn't our priority at all. Our emphasis is on what we have to do in two weeks at the conference meet," Lorek said.

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## PENALTIES: Must be fixed before team's next game

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encroachment and Washburn received an automatic first down.

Tjeerdsma said it was the wrong call.

"(Tollefson) caught it with his hand, because (the long-snapper) lifted up the snap, which technically is illegal," Tjeerdsma said. "If you hit it when he lifts it up then it's supposed to be what they call a snap infraction, it's supposed to be a penalty on the snapper."

Teammates also said that they saw it on tape earlier the week.

"He swatted at it because we watched it on tape all week, when they did do that he brings it up and does it," linebacker Ben Harness said. "(The snap) was intentional."

Tjeerdsma said he was so caught off-guard that he looked the rule up after the game.

"I think it caught everybody by surprise, I've coached for a long time and that's the first time I've ever seen it," Tjeerdsma said. "I've never seen that before and I didn't know the rule myself until after I looked it up, I'm not blaming anybody."

Northwest has incurred the most penalties in the conference, being penalized 67 times for 651 yards—an average of 93 yards per game.

The 'Cats have been penalized at least eight times in every game and have been penalized 10 or more times in a game three times. If the team continues at their pace they will gather, not including the possibility of playoffs, 930 yards worth of penalties.

"It's just something we've had trouble with this year, we don't know really what it is," wide receiver Jared Meyer-korth said. "We've just got to keep working on it, keep trying to avoid the stupid penalties, we had some penalties that we thought were bad calls but the ones that we can control we need to get rid of. It definitely hurts the team, we had some critical ones last Saturday ... we're working on it."

The penalties are setting new for the program, nothing conference records for penalties in a season, with playoffs included, just last season with 136 penalties and 1,146 yards.

## Cats drop their first home game in 13 tries

By Jerome Boettcher  
Staff Writer

It looked like the Northwest football team would play their second overtime of the season Saturday.

The Bearcats sat tied with Washburn 28-28 after overcoming an early 11-point Ichabod lead with over a minute left in regulation.

However, it wasn't to be. With less than 90 seconds, Washburn drove 74 yards to set up a 23-yard field goal with 3.9 seconds left to grab a victory 31-28.

"With a minute and 30 seconds left, that's more than enough time for us, I mean we practice two minute (drills) every day in practice," Washburn wide receiver Mike Odipitan said. "We knew that with a minute and 30 seconds there was enough time for us to make a play to get in the end zone."

Though the Ichabods didn't score a touchdown they did convert pass plays of 11, 26, 24 and 18 yards in a drive that took up one minute and 27 seconds. Washburn finished with 265 passing yards, 82 of which were on the last drive.

"If I would say something was different, it looked like a



QUARTERBACK JOSH LAMBERSON rushes for a gain Saturday against Washburn deep inside Washburn territory. However, the Bearcats turned the ball over on the same drive. Penalties and special teams played a big part for the 'Cats in the loss.

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lot of guys were more fatigued out there, it looked they might have been a little tired because we were out on the field the whole game," junior cornerback Darrell Clark said.

The aerial assault came against a battered secondary, who were without starting cornerbacks Quinten Womack and Brandon Clayton, who sat because of injury. The unit also lost safety Pat Whitt who was

injured in the game.

"It was a big step-up, we expected to do our job, I mean we had a great week of practice," Clark said. "We just kept getting blocks on special teams, and just getting in bad positions on the field, it's just kind of tough on everybody else—getting us put in bad spots."

The Bearcats had just returned after the Ichabods

took a 28-21 lead with 6:23 left. Two possessions later, the 'Cats drove 50 yards in five plays in 57 seconds to tie the game at 28-28. Running back Xavier Omon punched the ball in from the 11-yard line to tie the game.

However, the late response didn't hold and the team lost at Bearcat Stadium for the first time in 13 games, dating back to 2003.

"We didn't get the job done

when we needed to, we definitely had our opportunities all day long, we just didn't capitalize," quarterback Josh Lamberson said.

Lamberson completed 21 of 28 passes for 235 yards and two touchdowns but threw two interceptions, one that was picked off inside Washburn's three yard line. Omon rushed for 108 yards on 20 carries with one touchdown.

## PLAYOFFS: 'Cats looking to overcome injuries before Homecoming matchup

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This week, the squad will use the time to regroup after their first home loss in 13 games. They go into their bye week with just three games left.

Tjeerdsma said the squad will try to use this time to heal some wounds.

"The important thing for us is to try and get our play-

ers healed up a little bit, we're going to eliminate as much contact as we can ... and we cut down the amount of time trying to give them a little chance to bounce back a little bit and be ready to go in a week from now," Tjeerdsma said.

As for the mental aspect of the team, some of the units even met to see what and how they can improve.

"We had a defensive meeting (Monday) with the players, it was productive," linebacker Ben Harness said. "We got some things said that needed to be said and we're going to do what we have to do."

Meyer-korth said that he thinks the extra week will help them get in the right mindset.

"This will be a week to kind of re-gather our thoughts

and figure out where we are as a team and where we need to get better in certain areas," Meyer-korth said.

### Injury Update

Cornerback Brandon Clayton is done for the season with a torn ACL after getting hurt at Emporia State. Safety Pat Whitt also was hurt on during coverage for a kickoff return. He suffered a severe ankle sprain

and Tjeerdsma thinks he might be out for awhile.

However, Tjeerdsma expects wide receiver Andre Rector to be ready for next week's game. Rector suffered a shoulder injury in the first half of Saturday's game against Washburn.

Cornerback Quentin Womack should also be back in action.

## MIAA Standings

1. Washburn	6-1 (4-0)
2. Northwest	5-2 (4-1)
3. Pittsburg State	5-2 (3-1)
4. Mo. Western	5-2 (3-2)
5. CMSU	4-2 (2-2)
6. Emporia St.	3-3 (2-2)
7. Mo. Southern	3-4 (2-3)
8. Southwest Baptist	2-5 (0-4)
9. Truman State	1-6 (0-5)

## Washburn a powerhouse?

The Ichabods have quietly risen to the top, not just in the MIAA, but in the nation. Counting Northwest.

The Washburn win was the first time that any team has beaten Northwest and Pittsburg State in consecutive weeks.

"They looked a lot more confident," he said. "Even when we came back and tied the game at the end they were confident in their last drive."

This weekend Washburn plays host to Truman State, while the Bearcats get a weekend to contemplate their loss to the Ichabods.

-Brendan Kelley

## Soccer squad falls 4-0

By Brett Barger  
Staff Writer

For the Northwest Missouri State women's soccer team, it has been an up and down season.

Saturday, they ended their four game road trip with a 4-0 loss to the Truman State Bulldogs.

The team struggled offensively through the first half and most of the second half. Juniors Jamie Campbell and Kayla Griffin each compiled a shot for a team total of two.

Defensively, the 'Cats allowed 15 shots with Truman scoring four goals.

Head Coach Tracy Cross felt her team defended well against a good team.

"Defensively we played well for the first 35 minutes. Holding a team like Truman to 15 shots is pretty good. We allowed two quick goals, but we settled down and told ourselves at the half that we were

not going to allow anymore goals, but it didn't happen that way."

Griffin says that despite the losses, the team takes everything in stride.

"We don't give up, win or loss. We've been in a lot of overtime games, and that shows that we are just not giving up," she said. "It does get frustrating sometimes when we don't win those overtime games."

The loss drops Northwest to 2-6 and 1-4 in the MIAA. The Bearcats begin a five game homestand with a match against Missouri Southern 2 p.m. October 15th at Bearcat Pitch.

Cross is looking forward to an extended stay at home.

"It's so different at home. You don't have to travel anywhere," Cross said. "The support of our fans will definitely help us out."

Northwest is 2-2 at home, including an overtime win against Upper Iowa on September 9.

## RUNNERS: Squad start to gear up for conference

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Freshman Anna O'Brien led the team again with a time of 19:36 in the 5K race. It was the fifth race in which O'Brien has claimed the Bearcats top time this season.

The teams will now begin to prepare for the MIAA Conference Championship meet in Pittsburg, Kansas on Oct. 22.

Both Lorek and Alsup have high hopes for their runners.

"The team is definitely going to be up, I know that," Lorek said, "I think we really have a chance to surprise some people. Even though we're young, I think we're going to be real competitive with the good teams in our league."

On the men's side, Alsup believes that the preseason coaches' poll ranking of seventh was an underestimation by the conference. Alsup predicted that the team would finish higher than people expected.

"All of our kids are improving, that's more positive than anything else," Alsup said.

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## Savages quick start too much for spikers in MEC match

By Cali Arnold  
Staff Writer

The Maryville volleyball team had little chance to pick up their intensity Monday night against Savannah.

The Savages turned out two quick wins against the 'Hounds in as many games to sweep the match for the second time this season. Even so, the games did not go as quickly for the Maryville team as it did for their fans.

"The whole night was slow," Maryville head coach Stephanie Suntken said.

Savannah's dominance gave the 'Hounds little chance to serve at the Savage offense. Maryville only managed to go 16-17 from the service line.

Maryville found themselves down quickly in the

first game of the night and couldn't pick themselves up, losing 25-6.

Savannah's Mackenzie Neil served four quick points, including an ace, at the 'Hounds in game two before Maryville could come up with a side out. This did little to slow down the Savages, who went on to dominate the second game of the night, winning 25-12.

The 'Hounds did show some signs of a comeback in the middle of game two. Missy Barnett blocked a Savannah hitter to make the score 13-5, in favor of the Savages, and Kim Wolfer had a block of her own with the score at 14-7, but a net violation that followed stopped any flow that the team may have had going for them.

"I don't know what it was. We just couldn't get anything going. I tried a lot of different things but we just didn't have that spark tonight," Suntken said. "We played them about a week and a half ago and played them very well at their place. I thought playing here would make them (Maryville) a little more enthusiastic."

Between games, Suntken let her team talk to each other about what to do.

"I didn't say anything, honestly," Suntken said.

"We basically told each other that we had to move," 'Hounds setter Sarah Scheffe said. "We knew we had to do something and get going."

Scheffe had eight assists on the night to lead the team, and Wolfer tallied five kills.

## First half runs Rockets out of game

By Jessica Nelson  
Staff Writer

By halftime of the Oct. 7 showdown between Stanberry and West Nodaway, it looked as if the mercy rule would be needed soon as Stanberry was up by 42 points in the first half.

The Stanberry Bulldogs scored at-will during the first half of their eventual 56-28 rout, improving to 5-1 on the year. The West Nodaway Rockets fell to 4-2.

Senior quarterback Jerry McMillen, who threw for 149 yards and rushed for another

148, led the Bulldogs offensively. Their defense also showed their muscle by forcing and recovering two fumbles along with three sacks.

"Our defense is what we rely on week in and week out and this week they didn't back down," Stanberry Coach Dan Collins said.

In the first quarter, the Rockets' offense came to life. Rockets senior Jason Warriner had a 64-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with 3:30 left in the game. The Rockets would have the final touchdown of the game with 20 seconds left on the clock.

Rockets senior quarterback Jesse Davidson finished the game 10 for 23 with 130 yards passing. Running back Chris Chitwood had 83 yards rushing on the night.

"I've gotta give it to those guys, they came out and were ready to play from the start," West Nodaway Coach Matt Messick said of the Stanberry players.

Both teams will be back in action Oct. 14. West Nodaway takes on Worth County, a team that Coach Messick says will be just as physical as Stanberry. Stanberry plays at 7 p.m. at King City.

### Missouri Prep Football Rankings

The Missouri state high school football rankings are compiled by sportswriters of AP member newspapers across the state.

The school's name is followed by first place votes in parentheses and the record.

#### CLASS 6

1. Rockhurst 5-1
2. Liberty 6-0
3. Hickman 4-1
4. Vianney 6-0
5. Hazelwood East 5-1

#### CLASS 5

1. Raymore-Peculiar 6-0
  2. Webster Groves 5-0
  3. Kickapoo 5-1
  4. Parkway Central 6-0
  5. Eureka 5-1
- Dropped out: McCluer North, Belton  
Others receiving votes: McCluer North 3-2, 3, Belton 3-2, 1, Glendale 4-1, 1, Hazelwood West 4-1, 1, Park Hill South 4-1, 1

#### CLASS 4

1. Camdenton 6-0
  2. Webb City 6-0
  3. Farmington 5-1
  4. Ozark 6-0
  5. Hannibal 6-0
  6. North County 5-1
  7. St. Charles West 5-1
  8. Affton 5-1
  9. Grandview 4-2
  10. Nixa 5-1
- Dropped out: Lee's Summit West, Benton  
Others receiving votes: Lee's Summit West (3-2) 9, Nixa (4-1) 5, Benton (2-2) 3, De Soto (4-1) 2, Kearney (3-2) 2.

#### CLASS 3

1. John Burroughs 5-0
  2. Salem 6-0
  3. Platte County 4-0
  4. Lutheran North 5-1
  5. Odessa 6-0
  6. Cassville 6-0
  7. MICDS 6-0
  8. Bolivar 6-0
  9. Ste. Genevieve 5-1
  10. Oak Grove 6-0
- Dropped out: none  
Others receiving votes: Harrisonville (4-1) 35, Oak Grove (5-0) 7, Grain Valley (4-1) 3, Potosi (4-1) 2, New Madrid County Central (3-2) 1.

#### CLASS 2

1. Blair Oaks 6-0
  2. Cameron 6-0
  3. Lawson 6-0
  4. Clark County 6-0
  5. Strafford 5-1
  6. Trenton 6-0
  7. Montgomery County 5-1
  8. North Callaway 5-1
  9. Hogan Prep 6-0
  10. Monroe City 4-2
- Dropped out: El Dorado Springs  
Others receiving votes: Hogan Prep (5-0) 5, El Dorado Springs (3-2) 3, Cardinal Ritter (3-2) 2, Brookfield (4-1) 1.

#### CLASS 1

1. Princeton 6-0
  2. Cass-Midway 6-0
  3. West Platte 5-1
  4. Greenfield 5-1
  5. South Shelby 5-1
  6. Salisbury 5-1
  7. Adrian 5-0
  8. Skyline 6-0
  9. Putnam County 5-1
  10. Marcelline 5-1
- Dropped out: Marionville

## BENTON: 'Hounds hope to snag win

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the 'Hounds are hoping to salvage what is left of the season and grab some wins before time runs out.

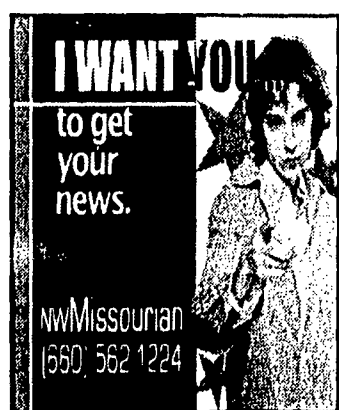
"We've got some seniors on this year's team that are very special to me, They're young men who have given us everything we have asked of them for the past two years" Miller said. "I feel very sorry for the kids that have done those things for us. I feel bad that their senior season hasn't turned out what they wanted it to be."

With the 'Hounds having a tough season there have been a lot of questions surrounding the team, but through it all the coaching staff has stood beside their players.

"When you suffer as many losses as we have this year I think it's a natural human reaction to think that the coaches are going to start yelling and screaming," Miller said. "We told them yesterday that the only disappointment we have in them is when they don't go out and give 100 percent."

Whatever the outcome of Friday night's game is and the rest of the season, Miller says that all he wants is for his players to not have any regrets at the end of the year.

"I would like to see them have that complete insurance that there's nothing they could have done more than what they did," he said. "That is probably one of the most rewarding feelings that a person can achieve. And if they do that I think they'll learn a lot about themselves as a person."



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## 'Hounds can't stop run; Irish snap 19-game losing streak

### Irish get first victory since 2003 season

By Brendan Kelley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Going into last Friday night the Lafayette Fighting Irish hadn't won a game for a long time. In fact the Irish hadn't won a game since September 26, 2003, but on Friday night Lafayette got their first victory of the season and snapped a 19 game losing streak by beating the Maryville Spoofounds 41-14.

"We were ineffective in our offense again tonight," Miller said. "We moved the ball much better, but we made so many mistakes. Turnovers and penalties plague us again."

Going into the game the 'Hounds felt they had a good chance to get their second win of the season, but the Irish showed quickly they were not going to lay down and let Maryville walk out of St. Joseph with a win.

With 8:11 left in the first quarter the Irish took to the air and scored on a 36 yard touchdown pass. The 'Hounds blocked the extra point attempt to make the score 6-0.

Lafayette scored once more in the first quarter and made up for the blocked extra point with a two point conversion, making the score at the end of the first quarter 14-0.

The 'Hounds came up with a defensive stop at the beginning of the second quarter. The offense took over on their own 15 yard line and on first down sophomore Tyler Oglesby broke loose for an 86-yard touchdown run making the score 14-7 with 7:14 remaining in the second quarter.

Oglesby finished the evening with three carries for 85 yards and one reception for 10 yards.

Lafayette resisted a momentum swing by scoring



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**MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND** sophomore Malcolm Swinford gets nagged by a LeFayette Fighting Irish defender on Friday night's game.

twice before halftime, leading 28-7 going into the break.

"They just coming at us with sweeps and pulling guys," senior Ben McKim said. "We looked like we didn't know what we were doing."

McKim got involved in the offense also Friday night, hauling in four passes for 52 yards.

"I'm happy for Ben. He's a kid that deserves any success that he gets because he's worked real hard," Miller said.

There was no scoring from either side in the third quarter, but the 'Hounds broke the lull in the fourth quarter with a 31 yard touchdown pass from Kevin Schluter to Kael Martin.

Schluter finished the evening 12 of 23 passing for 156 yards, with two interceptions and one touchdown. Martin had four catches for 50 yards

and the touchdown.

The 'Hounds trailed 28-14 with 6:23 left in the game, but Lafayette was not done scoring, as the Irish found the end zone two more times before the end of the contest making the final score 41-14.

"We didn't tackle," Miller said. "I'm sure we had five times as many missed tackles tonight as we had tackles and you can't win football games doing that."

Even with the loss Miller feels that the 'Hounds accomplished some things, but they still have a lot of work to do.

"Our goal this week was to get the ball to Tyler, Ben and Kael and use our tailbacks," he said. "I thought we did that, but we had too many other mistakes and didn't do things right on the other side of the ball. You can't expect to win playing like that."

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# Your Man begs students for loud crowd



The Stroller

Where to begin. Oh yeah, hey, there was a game essentially for the conference title this weekend at Bearcat Stadium.

You knew that? Oh, you must have been one of the 15 students who came to Satur-

day's football game against Washburn.

For those 15 or so that were there Saturday, hey, at least you were loud... when there was a minute left in the game.

Of course we all proceeded to put our hands back in our kangaroo pouches once the game got really intense with 30 seconds or so left.

Does anyone remember the good old days? Back then fans packed the stadium and left the game with hoarse throats. The time when weekenders didn't

mean driving daddy's 4-runner back to Johnson County so you can hang out for the weekend.

Granted it was a little bit chilly out, but that doesn't warrant sitting on your hands for three hours.

Your Man is offering up a challenge. Let's ALL go to the Homecoming game. Now before you pass out from shock at the suggestion you should attend a football game consider all the fun things that could happen.

1. You'll already be drunk

from the morning's activities, and I think we can all agree that everything is more fun when we're drunk, except of course for driving and forming coherent sentences. Plus the game starts 30 minutes later which means that's three or four more beers you can get in your system.

2. Put to use that shirt you bought that says you are a member of the Greenhouse. Yeah, the Greenhouse, that thing about 500 people joined that seven or eight people

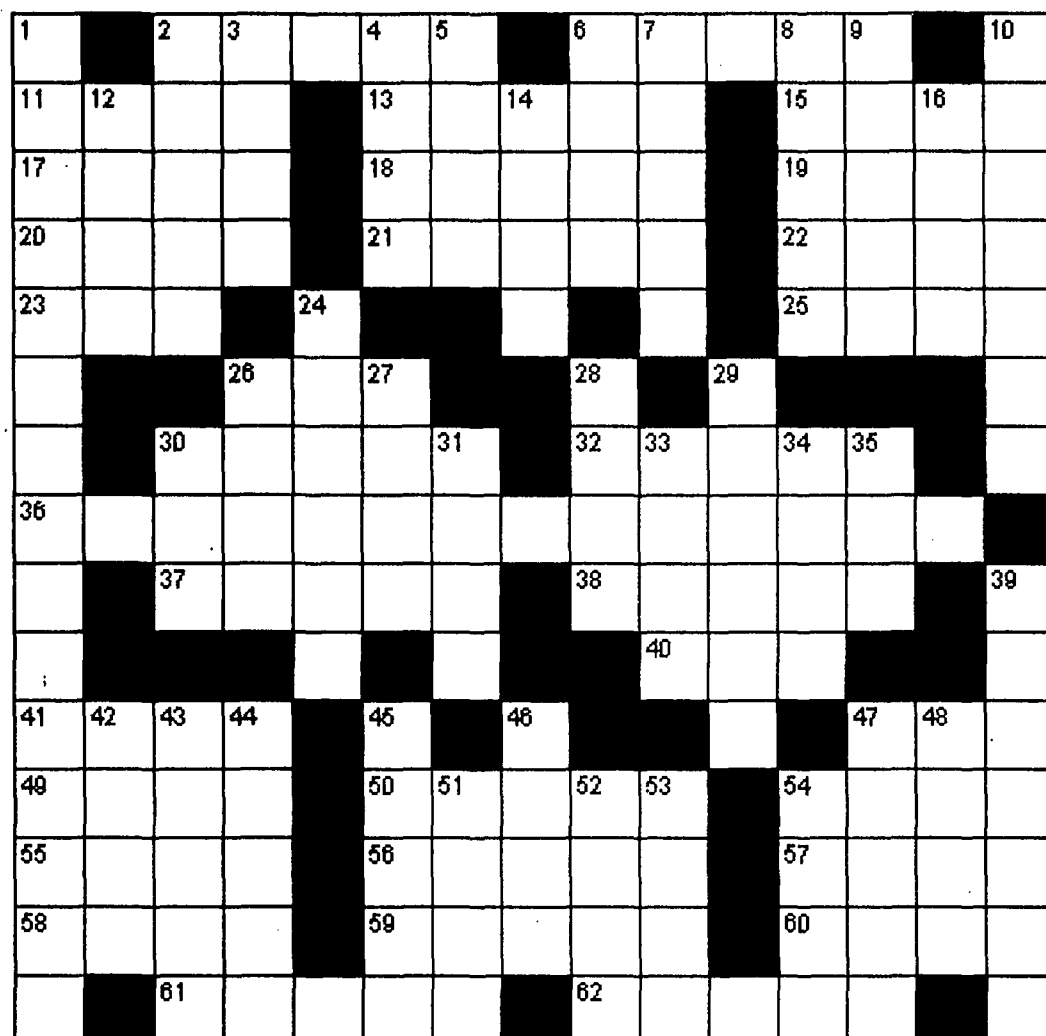
showed up for.

3. Northwest could win. Seriously, they've only lost two games, it isn't like the end of the world. Heck, Maryville High School lost two of their first two games. The Chiefs lost two games already.

4. The endless amount of CMSU jokes. Their mascot is a mule, which is like a donkey, which is called a jack... well I think you can get the picture.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

## PUZZLEMANIA



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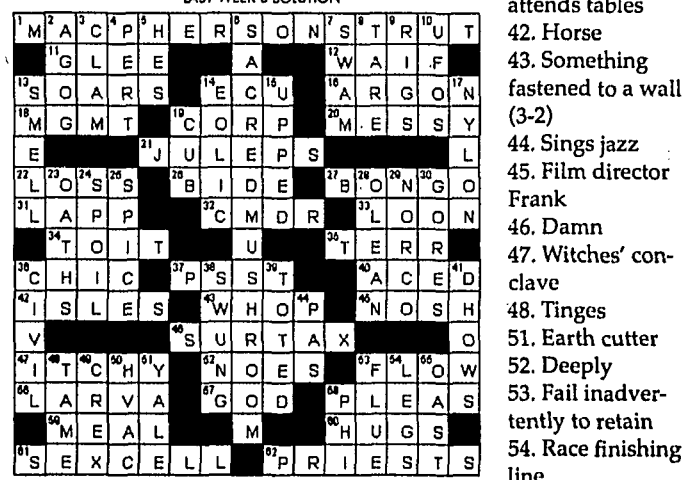
2. Fusion bomb (1-4)
6. Open vessels
11. Radiograph (1-3)
13. Passageway
15. Lean-fleshed fish similar to cod
17. Civil wrong
18. Take
19. Roman poet
20. Sentence of death by hanging
21. Pre-twenties
22. Finalized
23. --- Johnson, aviator
25. Mississippi flatboats
26. Jewel
30. Expanses
32. Monetary unit of France
36. Brief review
37. Excessive accumulation of fluid in tissue
38. Something remarkable
40. Gambling tool
41. Taps

### Down

1. Outside one's regular work (5-10)
2. Shrew
3. Eight bits
4. Vertical spar
47. Vital life force, regulated by acupuncture
49. Gout acid
50. Kind of fool
54. Advertise boastfully
55. Female name
56. N Texas town
57. Affirm with confidence
58. Lie adjacent to another
59. Islamic weight measures
60. Chilean coin
61. Expression of contempt
62. Republic in S Arabia

5. Sever with the teeth
6. Style
7. Go back on one's word
8. Female name
9. Enjoy
10. Brownian movement
12. Space for movement
14. Propagative part of a plant
16. Twist
24. Large snake
26. Degree-holder
27. Injure
28. Newfoundland
29. Result of a blow to the mouth
30. Hotshot
31. Attempt
33. Short attack
34. World's longest river
35. Shy

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## Going Out? Get connected

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■ Thursdays at the Union: Taffy Time @ 10 p.m. in the Ballroom.

■ Leadership Builders Professionalism & the Student Leader. 6 p.m. @ the Union Boardroom. T.J. Sullivan spaker.

■ "Buried Child," 7:30 p.m. in Charles Johnson Theater.

### Friday

■ "Buried Child," 7:30 p.m. in Charles Johnson Theater.

■ Benefit for Baier — rock concert featuring "The Sound and the Fury." 7:30 p.m. @ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Hosted by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

### Saturday

■ Walk to D'Feet ALS. Registration 9 a.m. Walk 10 a.m. @ Beal Park.

### Sunday

■ 2nd annual Bridal Fair. 2 - 5 p.m. @ Maryville



Community Center.

■ Wind Symphony concert. 3 p.m. @ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

### Tuesday

■ Town Hall meeting. 7 p.m. @ Maryville Community Center.

### Wednesday

■ Homecoming Variety Show. 7 p.m. @ Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Deadline for submissions for the calendar are due Friday prior to publication and can be mailed to Calendar of Events, 800 University Drive, Wells Hall #2, Maryville, Mo. 64468 or e-mail northwestmissourian@hotmail.com.

## USELESSKNOWLEDGE

»**Steelhead and rainbow trout** are the same species, but rainbow are freshwater fish only, and steelhead are anadromous, meaning they go out to sea.

»**The Rainbow Bar and Grill** on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood is where Vincent Minnelli proposed to Judy Garland. It is also where Marilyn Monroe met her future husband Joe DiMaggio on a blind date, when the Grill's predecessor, the Villa Nova Restaurant, was here.

»**In September 2000**, a lawsuit was filed against pop singer Mariah Carey for copyright infringement. Seth Swirsky and Warrryn Campbell claimed in a federal lawsuit that the tune "Thank God I Found You," from Carey's 1999 multi-platinum album, *Rainbow*, sounded eerily like a song they wrote in 1997 called "One of Those Love Songs." Neither

Columbia Records nor Carey's spokesperson commented on the lawsuit.

»**A rainbow** can be seen only in the morning or late afternoon. It is a phenomenon that can occur only when the Sun is 40 degrees or less above the horizon.

»**When viewed** from above, rainbows are doughnut-shaped.

»**The lower the Sun** is behind you, the greater the rainbow will be in front of you.

»**According to Greek mythology**, the goddess of the rainbow was Iris.

»**Rainbow Bridge**, Nature's abstract sculpture carved of solid sandstone, is the world's largest natural-rock span — 278 feet wide and 309 feet high. Technically, it is located in Utah just north of the Arizona state line, but "Arizona Highway's Travel Arizona" book cites it as a local attraction.

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**Domino R.** action/drama, starring Keira Knightley, Mickey Rourke, Edgar Ramirez, Lucy Liu, Mena Suvari, Christopher Walken

**Elizabethtown R.** comedy/romance, starring Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Susan Sarandon

**North Country R.** drama, starring Charlize Theron

**Where the Truth Lies.** drama, starring Kevin Bacon, Colin Firth, Allison Lohman

**Good Night, and Good Luck PG.** drama/history, starring David Strathairn, Robert Downey Jr., Patricia Clarkson

## SIZZLING JAMS

To all those downloading-obsessed, here are the top 10 downloads.

1. **Gold Digger.** Kanye West, feat. Jamie Foxx
2. **Photograph.** Nickelback
3. **My Humps.** Black-Eyed Peas
4. **Sugar, We're Going Down.** Fall Out Boy
5. **Boysfriend.** Ashlee Simpson
6. **Wake Me Up When September Ends.** Green Day
7. **Because of You.** Kelly Clarkson
8. **Pretty Vegas.** INXS
9. **Run III.** Chris Brown, feat. Juelz...
10. **Beverly Hills.** Weezer

Courtesy of www.apple.com/itunes

## VIDEO GAMING

The top video games picks for October according to the Internet movie database.

1. **Doom 3.**
2. **Serious Sam 2.**
3. **Indigo Prophecy.**
4. **Ico.**
5. **Citizen Kane.**

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## CONCERTS IN THE CITY

**STORY OF THE YEAR.**  
Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Beaumont Club, Kansas City, Mo.

**THRICE.**  
Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m.  
Beaumont Club, Kansas City

**BLOODHOUND GANG.**  
Oct. 15, 6:45 p.m.  
Hurricane, Kansas City.

**BLEED THE DREAM.**  
Oct. 16, 8 p.m.  
El Torreon, Kansas City

**CRUXSHADOWS.**  
Oct. 17, 9:30 p.m.  
Daveys Uptown Rambles Club, Kansas City

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## Top 5 Pigskin Picks

By Nick Watson  
Staff Writer

The freshly cut grass hangs in the air with a cool breeze streaking across your chilled nose. The overwhelming aroma of barbecue flourishes in the air while the rich yellow and red leave crunch beneath your feet.

With weather like this it can only mean one thing: time for some FOOTBALL!

Sixty-minute wars of men battling it out on the ol' grindstone. The roar of the crowd, cheerleaders on the sidelines, kids playing pick up games of football right outside the stadium. This time of the year brings to light many great stories of, "remember when" and "back when I played" conversations.

To kick off another great season of Bearcat football, here is a list of the top five football movies to get in the mood for some football.

## 5) Any Given Sunday.

Once again Al Pacino shows us that he is one of the greatest actors of all time by taking the role as head coach of a professional team. The star quarterback is knocked out of the season early and the team must rely on a no-name naïve third stringer to save the season. Pacino has to come to terms with the new mentality of his players. A new co-owner/president adds to the pressure of winning. The new owner must prove her self in a male dominated world.

This is a great film because of its raw intense action on the field. A strong supporting cast holds this somewhat weak story together. Oliver Stone directs this film, and like many of his films before, he captivates audiences with a unique blend of action and drama, connecting viewers and characters. Adding the scenes from old football games gives this movie a timeless characteristic. Just as this team is going through struggles, so have others before them. These men become a part of something larger than themselves, and find that they must come together as one.

## 4) Varsity Blues.

Once again the star quarterback is down for the season and a power hungry coach with only one thing on his mind; another championship season. The coach is forced to send in the second string, and in a town that lives and dies with every game, the team must prove they can be the best.

This movie wasn't the best story, nor was it the best acting. But, anyone who has been through high school football since this movie

came out has tried to emulate Varsity Blues just a little. This is a film that can be considered a cult classic from the day it was released. Years from now, high school football players will watch this movie and attempt to mimic the life of varsity blues.

## 3) Friday Night Lights.

A straight arrow coach leads his team to the 1988 Texas State semifinals. The blue-collar town of Odessa Texas, where football is religion and Friday nights sitting on the bleachers is their sanctuary sets the demeanor of this movie. If expectations from classmates, coaches, family and community members weren't enough to tear a team apart, losing the star tailback in the first game could send Coach Gaines to early retirement.

This film is raw and intense, and many will disagree that this was a good football movie. Billy Bob Thornton plays a coach that doesn't have to say a whole lot. He is the classic coach that can give a look of satisfaction or disappointment without saying a word. The whole cast has solid performances in the movie, making you cheer for them until the last play.

## 2) Rudy.

This is a true underdog movie. Rudy grew up in a steel-mill town, where most people end up working. But, Rudy had plans to play football at Notre Dame instead. The problem; his grades were low; his athletic skills were poor and he was half the size of the other players.

What makes this movie great is his unwillingness to give up. You see few game moments in the movie, but the heart and desire Rudy had inspired an entire school. This is a story that can be passed down time and time again to those who want to throw in the towel.

## 1) Remember the Titans.

Set during a tumultuous time in our nation's history, two segregated schools unite as one. Denzel Washington's plays the new head coach trying to build a divided team into the greatness he envisions them to be.

Many obstacles of racism and pride must be overcome if they are to ever become a team. This is truly a movie of motivation. Washington gives an Oscar worthy performance as the head coach. This movie has it all: drama, excitement and humor. You will walk away in awe over a truly remarkable story. The action sequences are superb and the pace of the movie is almost perfect. It will be hard to top as the best football movie of all time.

## My Morning Jacket plays aural cartographer on 'Z'



By Eryn Green  
Daily Utah Chronicle

( ) SALT LAKE CITY — If the whole rock 'n' roll thing doesn't pan out for the members of My Morning Jacket, natives of Louisville, Ky., they can always fall back on careers as aural cartographers.

However, if My Morning Jacket's newest release, "Z," is any indicator, frontman Jim James and Co. ought not to have any worry about their current day job faltering any time soon — this is one of the finest records released in the past five years.

Still, mapmaking (of sorts) is an option for My Morning Jacket. It's something that great rock 'n' roll artists have been doing for ages — using music to explore uncharted, or previously unknown territory, both literally and figuratively.

With The Beatles, you hear London and its surrounding industrial grit in even the softest songs (e.g., "Hey Jude" — a desire for redemption is nothing if not reminiscent of the Fab Four's latent desire to escape and redeem in the face of a confining factory youth). With Lynyrd Skynyrd, every discordant note calls to mind the convoluted, proud and rebellious history of the South. Similarly, Bob Dylan — in his New York

days — struck every guitar string with lovesick, subterranean Soho blues, revisiting his surroundings in his music time and time again.

As did the greats before them, My Morning Jacket, with "Z," has a way of inventing a sound that is at once innovative and dynamic, but which also harkens back to its maker's past. In this way, My Morning Jacket shows how music can be a means of exploring geography — an exercise in the sonic naming of a place.

The band started as a neo-hippy bluegrass outfit, morphed into indie-prog jam conglomerate (complete with nine-minute songs) and has now, with "Z," honed its skills and morphed into a kind of accessible, flickering Southern experimental group with real pop sensibilities.

For fans who have never been to Louisville, My Morning Jacket's new record acts as a roadmap to a state, painting a striking picture of the band's roots by way of a mercurial, ever-changing landscape of stark industrial expanses and intimate moments of self-righteous glory.

"Z" maintains its internal logic by exploring all the formative nooks and crannies that made My Morning Jacket the band it has become.

"Z" is the closest thing to a genre-busting, sensibility-hopping Radiohead-caliber record that America has had in years. The album leaps across boundaries of form and tone. On the album's opener, James' falsetto howl sounds

like a mix of Thom York and vintage Michael Jackson, while on the album closer, "Dondante," he sounds like a whiskey-soaked bar rag and a pack of cigarettes.

As "Z" shifts, it leaves in its wake the rubble of all kinds of accepted standards in music. "Z" moves from synth-heavy opera on its early cuts to substantial, twangy Southern-fried pseudo-psych exploration on its latter.

The album's title, "Z," works as an accurate indicator of the record's project: The last letter of the alphabet implies a storied lineage of predecessors, while at the same time pointing out that the album exists at the end of a chain in new, groundbreaking territory.

The record appeals to the storied narrative of performers who helped make My Morning Jacket the important musical outfit it is: With some Skynyrd, some Neil Young and some Rolling Stones — particularly on blues-ier cuts, such as the album's penultimate track, "Knot Comes Loose," intermingled with a decidedly contemporary tone.

Particular innovation can be found on the opening song, "Wordless Chorus."

On the opening track James sings, "So much going on these days/ Forget about instinct, that's not what pays/ Pleasure up and down my smile/ ...Tell me spirit/ What's not been done?/ I'll rush out and do it/ Or are we doing it now?"

Is My Morning Jacket doing it now? Absolutely.

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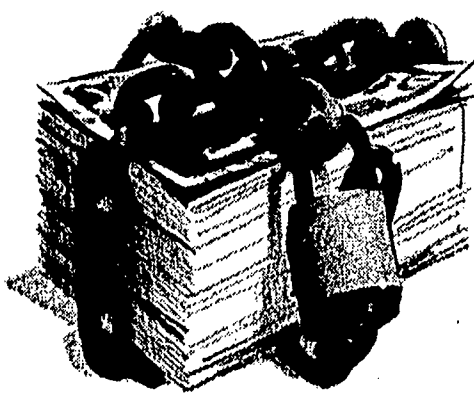
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## Seven Years in Ti-Debt

By Kristine Hotop  
Features Editor

Plastic or plastic?

A simple phrase manipulated into the only applicable way to purchase consumer goods these days. It's also responsible for millions ending up in credit card company pockets.

Shiny, sleek plastic cards have replaced cold, hard cash and checks. It's common sense. They are small, convenient and easy... too easy.

The average undergraduate racks in credit card debt of \$2,200, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That figure doubles for graduate students, and this total doesn't even account for the millions taken out in student loans.

Students also run into problems with debit cards, taking out more than they have in their accounts.

Student's biggest problem is debit cards, Bank Midwest customer service representative Jean Chitwood said. "Debit cards allow students to withdraw more than their accounts hold, which lets even younger people get into debt trouble."

A good plan to avoid the debt trap is to make a financial plan. Start out by surveying monthly expenses, such as food, bills, school necessities and free spending.

One mistake most students make is forgetting to budget miscellaneous spending money. Purposely leaving it off of a budget won't make it go away; it will only push the debt total farther up.

There are certain trends that debtors follow as they continue to travel into debt, with a seven year time frame.

### Year one through four:

At the wise age of 18, nothing can get in your way and an endless supply of pre-approved credit applications flood the mailbox.

College begins, school work piles on and jobs are

scarce. But, it's OK. The credit card companies are practically giving away money and only requiring a payback of less than \$20 a month. This year's Christmas will be wonderful.

In the next few years, school becomes more difficult and requires much more attention to salvage grades. By graduation, the credit card bills are loaded with compounded interest and fines.

"My daughter is taking night classes in Kansas City and I think by the time she's done, we will have \$40,000 taken out in loans," Chitwood said. "She has some financial aid, but it doesn't amount to anything. And the loans we don't have to pay until six months after she graduates."

That's where most students get into trouble. They don't even think about repaying loans until six months after they graduate when they are due," Chitwood said.

### Year five and six:

The college graduate meets the real world, complete with modern knowledge and (gulp) dreaded debt. But, it's acceptable with job searching as a difficult task. Once the college grad is back on their feet with a well paying job, bills are no longer a worry.

### Year seven:

It's time to buy a house, the car is falling apart, insurance bills are past due and not one bank will approve a loan due to years of debt history.

Debt follows the magic number seven rule. It usually takes about seven years to clear up credit records and that's if debt is cleared up and handled responsibly. Bankruptcy, the alternative, sticks with someone for life.

Amber Parker, US Bank branch manager describes the two different types of bankruptcy: chapter seven and chapter 13.

"In chapter 13 bankruptcy, you end up paying everything back," Parker said. "And, chapter seven clears everything completely. If you declare bank-

ruptcy, regardless of what it is, it takes about two years before you can actually get a house loan and four years before you can get a conventional one."

She explains that a person needs approximately four years from the time bankruptcy is declared before someone can get any type of reasonable loan rate.

Here are seven valuable and understandable steps and reasons to understanding what causes debt and how to surpass the anguish of bill paying, according to Parker.

1. Only make credit purchases when you have the money to pay for it.
2. Pay the entire bill off at the end of the month.
3. Don't sign up for a credit card for the free stuff. Make sure the benefits are in your favor.
4. Only use zero percent financing if it truly is.
5. Set up a realistic payment plan.
6. If you have student loans, take advantage of loans that don't require payments until after graduating.
7. Establish a good credit report.

"The debt students have, from what I've seen personally, is usually the cost of schooling," Parker said. "But, credit card debt varies between people. Most of what we see is that they don't have any credit at all."

When a student needs to establish credit through receiving a credit card, or just wanting to be prepared with one, U.S. Bank issues a card with a limit of \$300 to get someone started.

Parker explains how the average credit card debt for students in Maryville is about \$1000-\$2000.

"But, remember that this is looking at a smaller percentage of students in a town this size," Parker said. "Most still turn to their parents or don't buy many things here to have a huge amount of debt."

## Budget accordingly: A how-to guide

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As most students go through college they are faced with responsibilities.

Some of these responsibilities are setting up a banking account and budgeting.

While there may be many different banks, most banks have very similar systems regarding account set up.

"One way is to come into the

branch and talk to one of our bankers," said Amber Parker, Branch Manager at U.S. Bank. "You need to bring a valid I.D. with you, such as a driver's license or a passport for international students. And all it takes is \$100 to open an account."

However, banks may operate slightly different. Linda Davenport, the Assistant Vice President at Citizens Bank and Trust, stated that students only need \$50 to start an account.

With setting up an account comes the responsibility to not over-

draft. One way to avoid over-drafting is periodic balance checking.

The most convenient way to check a balance is through an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM). But, Parker warns students about checking their balance through the ATM, because it is often behind.

Parker stated that alternative balance systems are better, such as internet banking or keeping a record in a check book register.

Another problem for most students is knowing how and what to put in a budget. Budgeting is a

main component in helping students remain in control of their expenses.

"Budgeting is hard. I think if students are concerned they've got to figure out what their needs are... Basically, before you get into that 'want' category, you must address your 'needs' first," Davenport said. "Making sure your needs are covered is a necessary component for success in long-time savings."

So, if you are interested in a banking account and money management use these tips to get started.